ANNUAL REPORT

and

DIRECTORY

1985 - 1986

United Methodist Women
Louisiana Conference
The United Methodist Church

1986 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January - March	Call to Prayer and Self-Denial
January 26	UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY
February 14 - 15	Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting
March 7	Church Women United World Day of Prayer
March 14 - 15	Church Women United State Assembly, Alexandria
April 5	Meetings of Committees on Finance, Membership, Nominations & Standing Rules
April 17 - 20	UMW Assembly "Into the Future by Faith", Anaheim, CA
May 2	Church Women United May Fellowship Day
May 16 - 20	Share the Vision - Say Yes III
June 2 - 5	Louisiana Annual Conference, Centenary College, Shreveport
June 16 - 20	West Gulf Regional School, OCU, Oklahoma City
July 13 - 20	World Federation of Methodist Women, Nairobi, Kenya
July 14	Executive Committee/School Committee and Faculty
July 15 - 18	School of Christian Mission I
July 18 - 20	School of Christian Mission II
September 5 - 7	Share the Vision - Say Yes IV
September 12 - 13	Training for Conference Deans/Asst. Deans
September 18	Executive Committee Meeting
September 19 - 20	UMW Conference Annual Meeting, First UMC, Alexandria
October 18	District Elected Leader Training
November 7	Church Women United World Community Day
November 14 - 15	Committees on Program & School of Christian Mission
November 21 - 23	Share the Vision - Say Yes V
November	Training for 1/3 of Nominating Committee
December 4 - 7	New Conference Officer Training Event, New York City

1986 DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

DISTRICT	DATE	LOCATION
Alexandria	October 12	Wilton, UMC, Alexandria
Baton Rouge - Hammond	October 5	First UMC, Hammond
Baton Rouge - Lafayette	October 4	First UMC, Baton Rouge
Lake Charles	October 4	First UMC, Eunice
Monroe	October 4	Mer Rouge UMC, Mer Rouge
New Orleans - Houma	October 11	Rayne Memorial UMC, New Orleans
New Orleans - Slidell	October 4	First UMC, Pontchatoula
Ruston	October 5	Harmony Chapel UMC, Hico
Shreveport	October 12	North Highland UMC, Shreveport

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

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DEDICATION

We dedicate this Annual Report and Directory to the glory of God and in honor of our immediate past president, Nell Read, who has given such dedicated service to United Methodist Women. Nell's experience in official positions in the local, district, and conference organizations of United Methodist Women gave her a deep understanding of persons and programs related to U.M.W. and to the church-at-large. Throughout all of her service beyond the local church, Nell has remained faithful to her local church, where she continues to serve.

As Conference President, Nell practiced a "shared leadership". She recognized the skills, knowledge, and creativity of others and enlisted their talents to achieve the goals which had been set for the conference. In her words, "We are a mission team."

Her life and leadership reflect Nell's priorities: to put God and her witness to Him first in her life as she continues her own spiritual growth journey and to nurture and care for her family even as she serves in the larger sphere of church and community.

Nell's life and witness have been an inspiration to everyone, and her beautiful spirit has been a reflection of her faith and joy in service. United Methodist Women have been richly blessed by Nell Read's years of faithful, devoted service!

PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The orgainzed unit of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. (Discipline Para. 263.6, Art.3)

PURPOSE OF WOMEN'S DIVISION

The Women's Division shall be actively engaged in fulfilling the mission of the Church and shall interpret the PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. With continuing awareness of the concerns and responsibilities of the Church in today's world, the Women's Division shall be an advocate for the oppressed and dispossessed with special attention to the needs of women and children; shall work to build a supportive community among women; and shall engage in activities which foster growth in the Christian faith, mission education, and Christian social involvement throughout the organization. (Discipline Para. 1422)

THE COVER

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OUR POLICY

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Downsville (30)..... Mrs. Carolyn Guice, Rt. 1 Box 3, Downsville 71234
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Hodge (23) ..... Mrs. Margaret Collins, P.O. Box 306, Hodge 71247
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Quitman (17)..... Cheryl Lamkin (Mrs. Dwight), Rt. 4 Box 227, Ruston 71270
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Trinity (214)..... Rosemary Ewing (Mrs. Randy), Rt. 1 Box 286P, Quitman 71268
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Chairperson, Committee on Membership ..... Barbara Brown (Mrs.)
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I..... Ethel Alford (Mrs.), 4974 Dandridge Pl., Shreveport 71109
II..... Violet Mellinger (Mrs. Elvin), 111 Lawrence Drive, Haughton 71037
III..... Carolyn M. Price, 714 Debra, Mansfield 71052
IV..... Cheryl Gillespie (Mrs. James), 1910 Bermuda, Shreveport 71105

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Benton (56)..... Mrs. Betty Russell, 220 Walnut Lane, Bossier City 71111
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Bossier City:
Barksdale (16)..... Mrs. Frances Rainbolt, Rt. 1 Box 648, Elm Grove 71051
First Church (120).... Mrs. Billie Allen, 2023 Shady Grove, Bossier City 71112
St. Stephens (40)..... Mrs. Nancy Strauss, 4518 Voss, Bossier City 71111
Coushatta (30)..... Mrs. Irene Holley, P.O. Box 312, Coushatta 71019
Keithville (18) ..... Mrs. Kim Smith, 3012 Valley View, Shreveport 71108

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Haughton (22) ..... Mrs. Aline P. Smith, P.O. Box 26, Haughton 71037
Ida (8)..... Mrs. Maxine Cochrell, Ida 71044
Logansport:First (49) ..... Mrs. W. J. Garland, Pine Street, Logansport 71049
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Noel (250)..... Mrs. Julia Papageorge, 2298 Wakefield, Bossier City 71111
North Highlands (94) ... Mrs. Martha Garrett, 949 Wilton Pl., Shreveport 71107
St. James (58) ..... Mrs. Katie Wright, Logan Street, Shreveport 71103
St. Luke (37) ..... Mrs. Alice Savory, 5403 Kristen Avenue, Bossier City 71112
St. Paul (77) ..... Mrs. Marguerite Kelly, 4325 Josey Circle, Shreveport 71109
Summer Grove (90) ..... Mrs. Glenn Ragan, 9518 Chaparral, Shreveport 71118
Trinity (16)..... Mrs. DeNell Mitchell, 3237 Pinehaven, Haughton 71037
Wynn (34)..... Mrs. Marie Craig, P.O. Box 3026, Shreveport 71103
Zwolle (22)..... Mrs. Pauline Cassell, Noble 71462

ADMINSTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT BUDGET REPORT
1985

	Budget	Disbursed	Balance
Travel	$ 7,000.00	$ 3,000.89	$ 3,999.11
Officer Resources	100.00	48.40	51.60
District A & MD	12,135.00	9,525.95	2,609.05
Jurisdiction A & MD	1,410.93	1,410.93	-0-
Regional School of Christian Mission	3,000.00	3,720.88	(720.88)
Conference School of Christian Mission	7,500.00	6,545.10	954.90
Annual Meeting	1,500.00	628.29	871.71
District Elected Leaders Training	1,200.00	1,250.08	(50.08)
Church Related Meetings	150.00	-0-	150.00
Christian Disciplines Workshop	2,500.00	3,200.82	(700.82)
Mini National Seminar	500.00	309.76	190.24
Retreat	-0-	(1,674.06)	1,674.06
1984 Political Skills Workshop	-0-	39.33	(39.33)
Assembly, 1986 - Cumulative	1,400.00	1,400.00	-0-
Jurisdiction, 1988 - Cumulative	600.00	600.00	-0-
CWU Ecumenical Meeting, 1988-Cumulative	250.00	250.00	-0-
National Seminar, 1987-Cumulative	250.00	250.00	-0-
Other Special Meetings	300.00	-0-	300.00
Conference Directory	1,750.00	1,370.45	379.55
Newsletter	3,600.00	3,196.99	403.01
Postage	900.00	766.71	133.29
Office Supplies & Mimeo	750.00	363.76	386.24
Telephone	750.00	272.23	477.77
Audit (1984)	1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-
Honors & Memorials	300.00	175.00	125.00
Church Women United, Louisiana	250.00	250.00	-0-
Unanticipated Opportunities	300.00	-0-	300.00
Totals	$49,395.93	$37,901.51	$11,494.42
Added to Pledge to Mission			2,782.44
Reserve For Future Programming			$ 8,711.98

BALANCE SHEET 1985

Checking Account-Bank of Gueydan	$16,256.89	Dameron Scholarship Fund	$1,151.76
Savings Account-Bank of Gueydan	19,856.65	1986 Assembly Fund	4,465.00
Certificates of Deposit	15,635.73	National Seminar, 1987	675.00
		Jurisdiction Mtg., 1988	600.00
		CWU Ecumen. Assembly, 1988	250.00
		Audio Visual Fund	416.97
		1986 A & MD	7,515.20
		Reserve for Future Programing	36,675.34
	$51,749.27		$51,749.27

1985 DISTRICT RECEIPTS

	ALEX	BR-H	BR-L	LC	MONROE	NO-H	NO-S	RUSTON	S'PORT	CONF.	
Pledge	$20,616.75	$27,000.00	$24,000.00	$32,000.00	$22,000.00	$22,000.00	$25,410.00	$23,500.00	$36,960.00	$225,750.00	TOTALS
Undesignated											
Pledge to Missions	$17,625.56	23,534.45	24,750.74	29,740.66	21,232.38	20,816.37	23,630.72	22,644.42	37,526.78	2,782.44	$221,502.08
SMRP's and Gifts	855.00	2,078.00	1,530.00	2,990.00	1,098.00	1,855.00	1,455.00	1,918.00	2,470.00	375.00	16,249.00
In Rem. & Memorial	270.00	27.05	202.00	185.00	240.00	195.00	110.00	130.00	135.00		1,494.05
World Thanks Offering	453.81	1,111.46	684.31	2,728.92	779.36	948.60	1,533.64	1,272.58	1,471.39		10,984.07
Persons in Mission		208.87	919.49		55.00	125.11	100.00				1,408.47
Retiring Conf. Officers	187.50	323.50	213.00	330.00	245.00	114.50	337.30	345.00	285.00		2,380.80
Mission Candle	1,030.32	1,080.35	688.28	1,502.03	1,255.66	890.08	805.18	1,104.60	2,100.41	72.69	10,529.60
Total on Pledge	$20,422.19	28,363.68	28,987.82	34,476.61	24,905.40	24,944.66	27,971.84	27,414,60	43,988.58	72.69	264,548.07
Designated											
Call to Prayer	$ 1,075.45	1,464.72	1,432.65	1,687.98	1,041.02	1,242.20	1,527.47	1,922.40	2,369.47		13,763.36
Special Emphasis		190.00	121.25	100.00	900.00	312.50			237.91		1,861.66
World Missions	395.95	277.00	10.00	70.98	118.50	312.00	80.00	178.54	1,699.50		3,142.47
National Missions	1,268.09	1,476.00	285.00	839.25	951.25	2,146.55	1,884.00	1,608.45		1,670.00	12,128.59
UMCOR		310.00	165.00	1,016.60	95.00	426.10	617.31	68.20	1,280.43		3,978.64
Magazine Fund					10.00				2.00		12.00
Crusade Scholarships									199.50		199.50
Centennial Celebration	280.00	472.00	1,110.62	731.00		208.00	659.00	983.60	1,178.50	1,277.15	6,899.87
Directory	22.00	15.00	48.00	58.00	48.00	74.00	54.00		58.00	2.00	379.00
Estelle Dameron Scholarship	220.00	25.00	85.00	157.50		75.00	223.50	225.00			1,011.00
LMCF	71.70	60.00		203.00	84.75	30.00	30.50	74.25	138.80		693.00
Transient		1,246.46	75.50	125.00	600.00	918.00	10.00	426.05	400.00		3,801.01
Conference A & MD, 1986	654.25	619.00	969.00	1,100.30	446.65	857.00	925.00	799.00	1,145.00		7,515.20
Total Designated	3,987.44	6,155.18	4,302.02	6,089.61	4,295.17	6,601.35	6,010.78	6,285.49	8,709.11	2,949.15	55,385.30
Total Giving	$24,409.63	34,518.86	33,289.84	43,557.22	29,200.57	31,546.01	33,982.62	33,700.09	52,697.69	3,021.84	$319,933.37
1986 Pledge	$21,500.00	28,300.00	24,000.00	35,000.00	22,000.00	25,750.00	25,538.00	24,700.00	40,656.00	237,050.00	

A Withheld $40,635.00 toward A & MD Budget Expenses
Returned $ 3,157.44* to Undesignated Funds *not included in totals

B Interest on Mission Candle Money
C School of Mission Offering

Total paid on Pledge $227.070.51

Used $37,477.56 toward A & MD Expenses - 16.6% of pledged $225,750

D Annual Meeting Offering

EXPENSE GUIDELINES

Louisiana Conference Executive Committee
United Methodist Women
(Amended 9/83)

United Methodist Women recognize the need to be an inclusive group and to have elected leaders who represent a diversity of age, race, economic background, and status of employment. To make this possible, a Budget for Conference Administration and Membership Development is approved annually to provide expenses for those chosen to serve in leadership positions. The following guidelines for reimbursement (along with the Conference Budget) seek to expand the concept of what it means to be in mission.

Expense vouchers are available from the Conference Treasurer and should be filled out in full when applying for reimbursement and submitted to the Conference President, Secretary, or Treasurer. Expenses for specific meetings should be turned in at the close of that meeting, if possible, or not later than the next week.

Leaders are advised to submit all legitimate expenses for doing their job well. If someone cares to donate supplies or services which normally would be covered under these guidelines, she is asked to submit those charges and then endorse the check (or refund part of it) directly to the Conference Treasurer.

Conference officers are asked to pay their own registration fees to Conference events without reimbursement. She is often expected to pay her own room, meal, and travel expenses and then turn that amount in for reimbursement. If this arrangement causes personal hardship, a cash advance to cover expected costs may be requested from the Conference Treasurer.

Every call, letter or written announcement of upcoming events requiring 'official participation' of conference leaders shall mention further specific plans for financial arrangements not delineated herein (such as whether the individual leaders will pay or sign for meals and lodging.)

The following limitations should be noted:

A. TRAVEL EXPENSES

1. Mileage shall be reimbursed at a rate of 13 cents a mile. Whenever possible, members from the same district or area should form a carpool - to be coordinated by district presidents. Vans carrying six or more people shall be reimbursed at a rate of 25 cents a mile. No mileage will be paid to anyone who chooses not to carpool. Any exceptions will be voted on by the Conference Administrative Committee.

2. Lodging may be reimbursed at a rate of up to $10 per person per day.

3. Meals may be reimbursed at a rate up to $12.50 per person per day (to be divided between meals as desired). Meals for events that are less than one day will be reimbursed at a rate up to $2.50 for breakfast; $4.00 for lunch, and $6.00 for dinner. When meeting facilities are provided, meals may be reimbursed at a rate not to exceed $15 per person per day divided between meals; breakfast, $2.50; lunch, $5.50; and dinner, $7.00.

B. OFFICER RESOURCES

Materials which are necessary for information and execution of your job (such as Service Center publications) may be purchased and become the property of the Conference organization. Most of this material should be maintained in the files you keep and pass on to successors. Utmost care should be taken that we do not needlessly duplicate materials which cover overlapping concerns of other leaders.

C. OPERATING EXPENSES

Postage, office supplies, mimeographing charges, long-distance telephone charges, and other miscellaneous charges are allowable. The use of professional secretarial services and large numbers of Xerox-type copies are discouraged.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
1986 BUDGET

PLEDGE TO MISSION		$237,050.00
ADMINISTRATIVE AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:		
A.	Travel Expenses: Mileage, room, board, insurance for Executive Committee events within our conference	7,000.00
B.	Officer Resources: Service Center, etc.	100.00
C.	District Administrative & Membership Development	12,565.00
D.	Jurisdiction A & MD (5/8 of 1% pledge):	1,482.00
E.	Schools of Christian Mission:	
	1. Regional	4,000.00
	2. Conference	7,500.00
F.	Programs & Events within our Conference:	
	1. Annual Meeting	1,500.00
	2. District Elected Leaders Training	1,200.00
	3. Church Related Meetings	300.00
	4. Retreat, 1987	100.00
G.	Attendance at Regional & National Events	
	1. Assembly, 1986 (Cumulative 4 years)	1,400.00
	2. Jurisdiction Meeting, 1988 (Cumulative 4 years)	600.00
	3. Church Women United Ecumenical Assembly, 1988 (Cumulative 4 years)	250.00
	4. National Seminar, 1987 (Cumulative 4 years)	250.00
	5. Other Special Meetings	300.00
H.	Operating Expenses:	
	1. Conference Directory	1,750.00
	2. Newsletter	4,000.00
	3. Postage	900.00
	4. Office Supplies & Mimeographing	750.00
	5. Telephone	750.00
	6. Audit	500.00
	7. Honors & Memorials	300.00
I.	Church Women United, Louisiana:	250.00
J.	Unanticipated Opportunities:	300.00
	Total A & MD Budget for 1986	48,047.00
TOTAL CONFERENCE BUDGET		$285,097.00
Amount to be withheld to equal 18% of Pledge		$42,669.00
Amount to be used from anticipated income from A & MD Gifts		5,378.00
		$48,047.00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 22, 1985

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met February 22, 1985 at the Bellemont Hotel, Baton Rouge. The committee meeting which was to have been held February 1 and 2 was canceled due to snow and ice, so this abbreviated session was called prior to the Christian Disciplines Workshop. Nell Read, president presided.

Members present were Betsy Wilhite, Helen Johnson, Erlene Bradford, Jackie Morgan, Barbara Woods, Fran Hall, Margaret Burris, Lois Patten, Pat Cobb, Judy Sandlin, Janelle McCammon, Nancy Carruth, Lottie Palazzo, Jane Humble, Ola Fisher, Linda Shepherd, Doris Berry, Mary Lou France, Betty Carlin, Betty Rowell, Madge Lewis, Jean Bezette, Georgie Dunbar, Mary Pollard, Mollie Smith, Norma Winegeart, and Judy Rountree. In the absence of secretary Evelyn Evans, Judy Rountree taped the proceedings to be written up by Mrs. Evans.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Those committees that were to meet prior to Mid-Year Executive Committee - Committee on Nominations, Annual Meeting Program, Program, School of Christian Mission, and Finance - have been rescheduled. The Committee on Nominations, Membership Committee, Charter Committee, Finance Committee and Committee on School of Christian Mission will meet April 13 at Bunkie. The Program Committee and Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules will meet prior to Executive Committee meeting in July. The Annual Meeting Program Committee will set its own meeting to be held in Lafayette.

REGIONAL SCHOOL - Lueburda Myers, Regional School representative, requested an estimate for travel expense of the Conference Officers and study group leaders. Tentative plans are being made for travel by vans to Oklahoma City for the school, June 16 - 21. Conference officers are reminded to return to Lueburda the study questionnaires distributed at the last Executive Committee meeting in September. District Presidents are requested to send in skits on RESPONSE and/or program resources to Lueburda before June.

DISTRICT TRAINING - Women's Division, realizing the district is the direct and closest link to to the local unit member, is planning a district leadership focus beginning in May for the next quadrennium. Two districts in Louisiana conference have been invited in 1985. Shreveport will go to Dallas in May. Ruston will be unable to go to Kansas City in September. The other districts will be invited to participate later in the quadrennium. Expenses will be paid by Women's Division. District profiles must be completed and returned to Women's Division. Nell Read requested a copy of the profiles also. This program is an enrichment program, not leadership training per se.

MISSIONARIES - A letter from Doretha Brown, missionary in Liberia, was read. She requested that Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women purchase and mail 20 dozen dinner plates and glasses to be used in hostels there. A brochure from the manufacturing company in Mississippi was enclosed. Funds are not in the budget so, on a motion by Madge Lewis, seconded by Janelle McCammon, a request for funds will be made at district spring meetings and in the conference newsletter. District presidents are to be furnished a copy of her letter. A letter from Lois Kohler, another Louisiana

missionary in Africa, was circulated.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY - The Conference Board of Church and Society requested that Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women work with them on an environmental study of Louisiana. John Johns is working with Elwood Fleming to produce a video-tape that that they would like shown at the School of Christian Mission in July. This would tie in with the study, "Caring for God's Earth." Then in 1986, workshops would be held on Christian response to our study of environment. Dean of the School of Christian Mission, Lottie Palazzo, agreed to work the video-tape into the schedule and participation was unanimously approved.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED - The Assembly of Church Women United will be March 15 - 16 at Berean Presbyterian Church, New Orleans. A letter was received asking that the money budgeted for Church Women United be sent to them now instead of later as is the custom. This will be done. Attendance at the Assembly is encouraged, but be sure to register emphasized Nell Read. Delegates from UMW to Assembly are usually the vice president and mission coordinator for supportive community. Norma Winegeart has attended twice so she requested that Helen Johnson be our delegate in her place. This was agreed upon. Madge Lewis is the other delegate.

CENTRAL AMERICA WORKSHOP - There will be a workshop on Central America, April 12 - 14, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Ruston, Gloria Wright is the UMW representative on the planning committee.

US2 - There is a new US2 at St. Mark's Community Center, Taryn Lindhorst. She will be invited to the Annual Meeting in Lafayette.

TENURE - Nell Read announced that new handbooks are now available from Service Center. Attention was drawn to page 62 of the new Handbook on Constitution and Bylaws. There is a change in the directive concerning appointive persons. These persons are now tenured and cannot serve more than four years. This will affect the appointment of Nancy Carruth as editor of our Newsletter.

FINANCE GUIDELINES - Nell Read pointed out that the guidelines need reworking to make them realistic. It is better to rework than to constantly go over budget on everything. The Finance Committee will work on guidelines at its April meeting.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS - The status of members of the Committee on Nominations need clarification. They are elected by the Conference and yet they are not by Constitution and Bylaws members of the Executive Committee. They are asked, however, to attend School of Christian Mission and Annual Meeting. The last two or three years Nell Read has unofficially directed expenses to be paid to those two meetings. At times there has been some cause for confusion; they felt left out. Should they be invited to District Leadership Training? Directives are needed.

FINANCIAL INTERPRETATION - Clarification of the new position of Secretary for Financial Interpretation needs to be made. District Secretaries of Financial Interpretation are not members of the Conference Executive Committee. Barbara Woods, Conference Secretary for Financial Interpretation, asks that the office not be confused with an assistant or associate treasurer. It is setting a bad precedent if it is automatically assumed that these persons will be the substitutes for District Treasurers. The two offices are very distinct in function. District Treasurers are members of the Executive Committee by virtue of the Standing Rules of Louisiana Conference United

Methodist Women. Not all conferences include district treasurers in their Executive Committee. District Treasurers are being asked to work with District Presidents in presenting the district report at the Executive Committee meeting at School of Christian Mission in July.

INSURANCE - Treasurer Judy Rountree requested that leaders of events turn in dates and approximate attendance before the event and the exact attendance after an event. This is necessary for insurance coverage during the event.

DELT - Georgie Dunbar reported that District Elected Leader Training will be held October 19 at First United Methodist Church, Pineville. Emphasis will be given to organizing new units and membership, as well as leadership training.

RETREAT - Jackie Morgan reported that everything is in readiness for the retreat, March 22-24, at Seashore Methodist Assembly Center, Biloxi, Mississippi. Theme for the meeting has been changed to "Feasting on the Manna." Registration is at a capacity of 150 and there is a waiting list. Forty-two have registered as "at home" participants.

NATIONAL SEMINAR - Nell Read reminded those present of the National Seminar Follow-up, April 27, at Bunkie. Taylor Phillips is chairperson for the event.

UMW SUNDAY - Fran Hall reported that the day was a great success. Reports are coming in so fast she cannot keep up with them. A full report will be given at the July meeting.

SOUTH AFRICIA - The General Board of Global Ministries has authorized participation in the protest against oppressive apartheid system in South Africa. They urgently suggest we participate by,

(1) calling in United Methodists to engage in programs of prayer and action,
(2) supporting involvement of United Methodists with related ecumenical bodies,
(3) participating in vigils at South Africia consulates,
(4) urging involvement of United Methodists to stop sale of Krugerands in the United States, and
(5) supporting the bill on South Africa coming before Congress.

THERESSA HOOVER - Nell Read announced that Theressa had had brain surgery and was doing well. She is at home being cared for by her family. Prayers were asked for her. The secretary will send an official letter of hope and recovery from the Executive Committee.

MISSION FAIR - Pat Cobb reported that the New Orleans-Slidell District is having a mission fair, April 27, in cooperation with the church. It is to be at First United Methodist Church, Slidell, and all churches are asked to participate and show what they do in mission.

MISSION EVENTS - The Conference Board of Global Ministries is sponsoring mission events throughout the conference, March 10 and 11.

ANNUAL MEETING. - Judy Sandlin reported that Carolyn Marshall, the new president of Women's Division, will be the guest speaker for Annual Meeting in September. Bishop Underwood will lead the Communion Service and Mildred Phileman of Shreveport will honor retiring officers.

The Chancel Choir of Camphor United Methodist Church will sing during the Communion Service. Theme for the meeting is "New Beginnings."

PRESENTATION - A Special Mission Recognition Pin was presented to Betty Rowell in appreciation for her chairing the 1984 District Elected Leadership Training.

TREASURER - Judy Rountree reported that all nine districts overpaid their pledge and the 1984 Conference pledge was overpaid by $489.48. Total giving was $326,732.11. She commended Wanda Nelson and the district treasurers for their stewardship and diligence. She stressed the need for all officers to report expenditures in order to get a true picture for the budget.

REPORTS - The following are excerpts from those reports not given orally. All reports were submitted in writing to the President, Vice President, and Secretary, and are on file with the Secretary.

PRESIDENT - Nell Read based her report on how Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women are seen. She says the Church sees us as supportive and providing leadership. The District sees us meeting administrative needs with funds and support and providing workshops as patterns. Local units do not always know we are there. Some see us as always asking for money; others see us as hardworking, dedicated women committed to the purpose and partners in mission. She sees us as growing in spirit, purpose, and leadership ability. Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women are willing to risk, dare, work, pray, study, and learn together in order to make our world a better place according to God's plan. God sees us as well meaning. He accepts our mistakes, empowers us beyond human strength, and blesses us with merciful grace.

VICE PRESIDENT - Norma Winegeart in her report expressed concern about overprogramming. This makes it difficult to obtain Conference officers. She recommended that there not be more than two extra events in one calendar year and submitted an anticipated calender of events for 1986. Some anticiapted events are: 1986 - UMW Assembly, Anaheim, California; 1987 - Conference Retreat; 1988 - General, Jurisdiction, and Jurisdictional Conference with South Central Jurisdictional Conference to be at First United Methodist Church, Shreveport; 1989 - Conference Retreat; 1990 - UMW Assembly, Kansas City, Missouri. Goals adopted for Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women for 1985 are:

FULFILL THE PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN TO KNOW GOD BY:

A. becoming a community of women who:
   1. meet regularly
   2. utilize United Methodist Women program resources
   3. promote 10% membership growth using "Called to Grow" theme
   4. organize/reactivate units
B. growing spiritually
   1. personal commitment to daily prayer and devotions
   2. participate in Bible Sutdy
   3. attend spiritual growth retreats
C. developing a creative, supportive fellowship inclusive of all women
   1. observe annual United Methodist Women Sunday
   2. promote Estell Dameron scholarships for 1985 School of Christian Mission
   3. support Louisiana Conference missionaries and deaconesses
   4. implement Charter of Racial Justice Policies
D. expanding concepts of mission
   1. participation in global ministries by:

a. support projects through pledges; special recognitions, and undesignated giving
b. support conference United Methodist Women administration and membership development by giving $1.00 per local member.
c. continue Centennial Celebration fund
d. increase subscriptions to RESPONSE and NEW WORLD OUTLOOK

2. participation in conference ministries
   a. School of Christian Mission
   b. strive for excellence of study recognition
   c. continue to promote reading program
   d. attend Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting

MISSION COORDINATORS - Ella Mae Custer, Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood and Taylor Phillips, Mission Coordinator for Christian Social Involvement reported their activities since September and plans for the future.

MEMBERSHIP - Fran Hall challenged the Executive Committee to help meet the goal of a ten percent increase in membership. The success of UMW Sunday is no consolation for lagging membership she said. We need to pray that our dedication, interest, and enthusiasm will overflow to the extent that others will want to share in this wonderfully supportive fellowship.

SCM - Dean Lottie Palazzo reported that the faculty and staff for the schools had been secured. Reverend Webb Pomeroy will teach "Daniel"; Bernice James, Charles McClure, and JoAnne Wilshusen will teach "Caring for God's Earth"; and Leora Trice, Leora Hatch, and Annette Sowell will teach "Native Peoples of North America." Jane Scott will be assisted by Margaret Bryan in the Resource/Learning Center. Music Coordinator will be Betsy Wilhite and Alice Story, the pianist. Dorothy Abraham will assist Taylor Phillips with Audio-Visuals. Eula Wyatt will again by the weekday nurse.

CHARTER COMMITTEE - Erelene Bradford reported such district activities as racial/ethnic prayer breakfast and meetings and use of the UMW conference booklet on racial/ethnic understanding. The conference booklets are still available on request to her.

COSROW - Betty Rowell reported that the Commission on Status and Role of Women is stressing five areas of concern this quadrennium. They are inclusive worship, full and equal participation of women at all levels of responsibility in the Church; one-third membership on boards, agencies, and commissions; nomination of men and women in "crossover" positions traditionally held by the opposite sex; and emphasizing the knowledge and talent of women in the local churches of the Louisiana Annual Conference.

DISTRICTS - Districts reporting were Alexandria, Baton Rouge-Lafayette, Monroe, New Orleans-Houma, and Ruston. All districts had detailed reports of their activites for 1984 in the Annual Report and Directory, 1984-1985.

CWU ASSEMBLY - Taylor Phillips reported on the Church Women United Assembly at Purdue University, July 19-23, 1984. She participated in interest groups on World Hunger, Inclusiveness, and Children's Global Village. Representatives from Louisiana were paired with women from South Africa and regular correspondence with them is requested.

NOTE - Barbara Woods and Ella Mae Custer reported on the New Officer Training Event held in New York City, November 29 - December 2. The largest delegation there was the coordinators for Christian Personhood. Ms. Woods impressions of the meeting were of the feeling of community, the constant presence of purpose, and the tremendous commmitment to mission. She reported feeling some degree of separation between those attending and the staff, especially the New York-based persons, due to their emphasis on local, district, and conference as they related to the activities of Women's Division. She feels the individual in the local unit is our strength and that the local unit is where programs succeed or not. As for the commitment to mission, there were disagreements as to method, program, technique, and priorities, but no question that United Methodist Women should be in mission.

Nell Read, President

Evelyn Evans, Secretary

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
July 15, 1985

The Conference Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met July 15, 1985, in the South Cafeteria, Centenary College, Shreveport, at 7 p.m. Present for the meeting were Norma Winegeart, Judy Rountree, Madge Lewis, Mary Margaret Barr, Pat Cobb, Fran Hall, Lueburda Myers, Johnnye Butler, Amy Ward, Helen Bailey Johnson, Georgie Dunbar, Betty Rowell, Barbara Woods, Taylor Phillips, Lottie Palazzo, Lynda Land, Lois Patten, Nancy Carruth, Alice Story, Jean Bezette, Margaret Burris, Betty Carlin, Mary Lou France, Ella Mae Custer, Mollie Smith, Mary Pollard, Janelle McCammon, Judy Sandlin, Dorothy Abraham, Ola Fisher, Evelyn Evans, and guest, Betty Ferrington.

OPENING - Evelyn Evans led the group in the opening meditation based on a Midrash Story, "Clouding the Issues," which dealt with God using clouds to remind us of Him and his care for us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Norma Winegeart, presiding in the Absence of President Nell Read, announced that Nell was home from the hospital and recovering nicely from her surgery and chemotherapy. She also told of Linda Shepherd's husband and Evelyn Evans' daughter being in the hospital.

APPOINTMENTS - Betty Carlin and Mary Lou France were appointed to audit the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE - Maryruth Nickels, regional staff person, wrote Nancy Carruth. In her letter she expressed her wishes for a speedy recovery for Nell Read and her certainty that our School of Christian Missions would be a good one. Other correspondence was dealt with during the business. Norma Winegeart expressed appreciation for the notes and calls from those who realized what she had to do to stand in for Nell.

Copies of the following reports are on file with the president, vice president, and secretary.

VICE PRESIDENT - Norma Winegeart spoke of the importance of having a copy of the Constitution & Bylaws, and the Conference Standing rules, and knowing where to find the answers to the many questions that have arisen during Nell's illness.

TREASURER - Judy Rountree reported that 38 percent of the Conference Pledge to Missions had been paid by the end of the second quarter. The Conference Retreat was under budget by $1724 and the Mini-National Seminar was under by $190.24; while the Christian Discipline Workshop went over budget by $700.82 and the Regional School by $720.38. On a recommendation by Judy, seconded by Georgie Dunbar, the Committee voted that the expenses for Christian Discipline Workshop and Regional School be absorbed in the Administration and Membership Development budget, retaining the income from Retreat to balance these amounts. Judy reminded members that the $25 Special Mission Recognition Pins will increase to $30 after January 1, 1986. Any check received on or after January 1 will be returned. She also reported that District budgets are approved at the Conference Annual Meeting and therefore need only to be presented at the District Annual Meetings.

PROGRAM RESOURCES - Lueburda Myers announced that due to training for Regional School Committee she would be unable to attend Annual Meeting in Lafayette.

She will order materials, but district and local program resource persons will handle the sales.

MEMBERSHIP - Fran Hall reported on United Methodist Women Sunday, membership, and Estelle Dameron Scholarships for School of Christian Mission. Approximately 160 units reported participating in UMW Sunday. There continues to be discrepancies in the number of members reported; the directory has one total, the president another. We need to stress the ten percent increase - "Each One Reach One" drive. There were 24 Estelle Dameron Scholarships awarded for this year's School of Mission. In view of the increased costs of the school, we need to urge more units to budget this.

FINANCIAL INTERPRETATION - Norma Winegeart commended Secretary of Financial Interpretation, Barbara Woods, on the information packet sent to the district financial interpretors.

MISSION COORDINATORS)- Mission Coordinators Ella Mae Custer, Johnnye Butler, and Taylor Phillips reported on the activities they participated in as part of their responsibilities. The Reading Program continues needing improvement and emphasis. Local units were requested to send all funds for African relief through proper channels.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS - Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations, Margaret Burris, presented the following nominees for election at the Annual Meeting:

President	Mrs. Janelle McCammon (C.R.)	2 years
Mission Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns	Mrs. Johnnye Butler (T.J. Sr.)	2 years
Secretary of Program Resources	Mrs. Lueburda Myers (Kenneth)	2 years
Secretary	Mrs. Sally Turner	2 years
Chairperson, Committee on Membership	Mrs. Pat Cobb (Earl)	2 years
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations	Mrs. Emily Wiley (Richard)	1 year
Members, Committee on Nominations	Ms. Willa Mae Kimbrough	3 years
	Mrs. Lorraine Sparks (Prince)	3 years
	Mrs. Lynn Foil (C.M.)	3 years

DISTRICT SHARING - District Presidents shared the activities of their districts since the last Executive Committee meeting. Seven of the nine districts reported holding retreats. Monroe District reported meeting with mission interpreters from the General Board of Global Ministries. New Orleans-Houma District had three successful Financial Interpretation workshops and organized a new unit at Messiah United Methodist Church, Kenner. Over one thousand attended Mission Alive, a churchwide function held at First United Methodist Church, Slidell. Booths and exhibits representing what local churches in the New Orleans-Slidell District are doing in mission, and representatives from various agencies were in the Family Life Center. Ruston District utilized the "Many I's of Membership" on the Women's Division membership poster for a unique program at their spring district meeting. Shreveport District participated in the first leadership deveopment event "Share the Vision – Say Yes," sponsored by the Women's Division in Dallas in May.

COMMITTEES

PROGRAM - Madge Lewis, secretary of the Program Committee, presented the report. Calendars of Events were distributed and dates were approved. October 1 will be the deadline for outgoing and incoming conference officers to meet and pass on materials. The Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting will be February 14-15, 1986, and the Finance, Membership, Nominations, and Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules Committees will meet April 5, 1986. The 1986 Annual Meeting will be September 19 and 20. The Committee on Program and School of Christian Missions will meet November 15 and 16, 1985.

The following recommendations from the Program Committee were approved:

(1) Those working on Annual Meeting Program will be a task group rather than a Committee in order to distinguish standing committees from groups appointed for specific events.

(2) The Chairpersons of Task Groups should be members of the Committee on Program, not the Executive Committee.

(3) All Conference United Methodist Women events will have an appointed or elected assistant chairperson, not a "co-chairperson" or "vice-chairperson."

(4) The Committees on Legislative Concerns and Implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies will be discontinued and their responsibilities returned to the Mission Coordinator of Christian Social Involvement.

(5) In the interest of time and energy and obtaining conference leadership, no more than two extra events will be scheduled in one calendar year, e.g. retreat and workshops.

(6) Two delegates from the conference United Methodist Women, selected by the Executive Committee, will continue to be sent to the State Assembly of Church Women United. The Conference President, by virtue of her office, is a member of the State Assembly. The value of sending delegates to the National Assembly of Church Women United will be considered.

(7) The Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules will be asked to take the necessary action to remove District Treasurers as members of the Conference Executive Committee. District Treasurers have been polled and are agreeable.

(8) Leadership for the 1986 Annual Meeting Program Task Group shall be Seola Callahan, chairperson; and Lottie Stinson, assistant chairperson.

(9) The possibility of purchasing a whole page in the "Louisiana Methodist" three times a year instead of printing the Conference Newsletter will be investigated, as well as combining the office of Historian and Public Relations.

FINANCE - On a motion by Judy Rountree seconded by Lueburda Myers the attached budget recommended by the Finance Committee was approved for adoption at the 1985 Annual Meeting.

The Finance Committee also recommended the following:

(1) That 18% of the Conference Pledge to Missions be retained for Conference Adminstration and Membership Development. On a motion by Judy Rountree, seconded by Betty Carlin, the recommendation carried.

(2) That the Conference Standing Rules and Expense Guidelines for the Conference Executive Committee be revised thusly:

(a) Standing Rule No. 5 under Funds will be revised upon vote at Annual Meeting

to read: "Thirteen (13) cents per mile shall be allowed for travel by car. When a van is used with 6 or more people in the pool, mileage will be paid at twenty-five (25) cents a mile. No mileage will be paid to anyone who chooses not to carpool. Any exceptions will be voted on by the Conference Adminstrative Committee."

(b) Expense Guideline No. 3 will be revised to read: "Meals may be reimbursed at a rate up to $12.50 per person per day (to be divided between meals as desired). Meals for events that are less than one day will be reimbursed at a rate up to $2.50 for breakfast; $4.00 for lunch, and $6.00 for dinner.

The Committee approved these recommendations on a motion by Judy Rountree, seconded by Taylor Phillips.

The Finance Committee further recommended:

(1) That only the chairperson of the District Nominating Committees attend District Elected Leaders Training.

(2) That members of the Conference Committee on Nominations be reimbursed for attendance at Annual Meeting according to Conference Expense Guidelines.

(3) That expenses of members of the Conference Committee on Nominations at School of Christian Mission be paid.

Recommendation number (1) was approved on a motion by Judy Rountree, seconded by Mary Margaret Barr. Recommendations numbers (2) and (3) were tabled until the September Executive Committee meeting.

The Women's Division Manual for Treasurers states that district treasurers can hold enough money at the end of the year to operate for at least a quarter. On a recommendation by Judy Rountree, seconded by Mary Margaret Barr, approval was given for each district to hold up to $200 in Administration and Membership Development monies at the end of each year.

The offering at Annual Meeting will be dedicated to the Centennial Celebration Fund and the Assembly Fund will be added to this amount.

On a motion by Madge Lewis, seconded by Taylor Phillips, the following was added to the Guidelines for Task Groups and Committees:

(5) Copies of financial agreements as to room rates, meals, meeting room charges, etc., are to be sent to the Conference Treasurer as soon as they are completed. When checking out from the event, the Committee or Task Group chairperson, or the person who made the financial arrangements, will accompany the Conference Treasurer.

There will be $5600 available in the Conference account for Assembly Funds for the 1986 Assembly. On a motion by Janelle McCammon, seconded by Lottie Palazzo, the Committee approved the allocation of these Assembly funds as follows. Each district will receive $400 to send a representative or representatives from thier district and the Conference will receive $2000 to send the five persons to be nominated by the Conference.

The Executive committee also approved a recommendation by Judy Rountree, seconded by Mary Pollard, that each district be allowed $100 per year for future Assemblies. These funds will be held by the Conference Treasurer with other accumulating funds and returned to the districts at the appropriate time with accumulated interest.

ANNUAL MEETING - Judy Sandlin reported that the Holiday Inn North will be the headquarters motel in Lafayette. Reservations must be made early because the Festival Acadiene is also that weekend. There are only 125 parking spaces available at the church so she stressed carpooling, vans, busses, etc. Juanita McGirt is being sent by the Jurisdiction Core planning Group to represent them at our Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING 1986 - The conference has been invited by First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, to hold the 1986 Annual Meeting there. On a motion by Janelle McCammon, the Committee voted to accept their invitation.

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADER TRAINING - Georgie Dunbar, chairperson for the event reported that DELT will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., October 19 at First United Methodist Church, Pineville. Flyers were distributed to District Presidents and they were urged to get other district officers to attend this time of leadership training which will emphasize reactivating existing units, starting new units, and study of the new handbooks.

CWU STATE ASSEMBLY - Madge Lewis gave the report on the State Assembly of Church Women United which was held in March at Beran Presbyterian Church, New Orleans. She and Helen Bailey-Johnson attended. Theme of the meeting was "Piecing to Peace" and the Louisiana Peace Ribbon was unrolled and paraded around the sanctuary. It will be included in the ribbon which will encircle the Pentagon on August 4 this year.

MINI NATIONAL SEMINAR - Eighteen persons attended this meeting at David Haas Memorial United Methodist Church, Bunkie, reported Taylor Phillips. Economics and the Faith Community was the theme and the meeting ended with a communion service led by the pastor.

RETREAT - Pat Cobb was the chairperson of the Conference Retreat held in March in Biloxi, Mississippi. "Feasting on the Manna-Fruits of the Spirit" was the theme and leaders were Mary Lou Blakeman and Louise Thomas. A capacity crowd participated in the meeting which was underbudget.

HISTORIAN - Dorothy Abraham reminded those present to put dates and event on any pictures and news articles sent to her.

WOMEN'S DIVISION - Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women have been invited to send a delegate to the Women's Division meeting in October. Janelle McCammon was nominated and subsequently elected. She will be absent during DELT, but the consensus of the group was that a Women's Division meeting was the more important opportunity.

DISTRICT TREASURERS - On a motion by Lottie Palazzo, seconded by Taylor Phillips, the Executive Committee voted to ask the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules to take whatever steps are necessary to change the rule that includes District Treasurers as members of the Conference Executive Committee. Amy Ward abstained from voting.

100 WOMEN IN MISSION - Norma Winegeart reported that Women's Division has selected the women for inclusion in this book. It will be published for Assembly and no announcement of those included will be made until that time.

REGIONAL SCHOOL - Madge Lewis gave the report on West Gulf Regional School held in Oklahoma City at Oklahoma City University in June. The majority of those attending traveled by van; others by plane. It was a well organized school. Lueburda Myers was a member of the Planning Team. Next year Taylor Phillips will serve on the

nominating committee for Regional School.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE - Dorothy Mae Taylor was presented a Special Mission Recognition Pin by Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women. Nell Read made the presentation at Annual Conference in June.

The meeting ended at approximately 10 p.m. with prayer.

Evelyn Evans, Secretary

Nell Read, President

Examiners:
Betty Carlin
Mary Lou France

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 19, 1985

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met Thursday, September 19, 1985 at the Holiday Inn, Lafayette. President Nell Read called the meeting to order and introduced guests Carolyn Marshall, president of Women's Division, and Juanita McGirt, member-at-large of the Jurisdiction Core Planning Group.

In attendance were Nell Read, Norma Winegeart, Nancy Carruth, Betty Ferrington, Judy Sandlin, Betty Carlin, Mary Lou France, Jean Bezette, Fran Hall, Sara Fugler, Alice Story, Lois Patten, Margaret Burris, Amy Ward, Pat Cobb, Linda Shepherd, Lynda Land, Madge Lewis, Betty Rowell, Jane Humble, Helen Johnson, Erlene Bradford, Johnnye Butler, Dorothy Abraham, Ola Fisher, Ella Mae Custer, Mary Pollard, Mary Margaret Barr, Mollie Smith, Janelle McCammon, Taylor Phillips, Judy Rountree, Barbara Woods, and Evelyn Evans.

The opening prayer and meditational thoughts were given by Nell Read. She shared that when the committee on nominations asked her to serve as Conference President, II Corinthians 12:9 came to her. "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." (KJV) She decided she could provide all weakness if He would provide the power. "I am here four years later to say that nothing has brought a greater blessing." She went on to tell of her recent experience in the hospital and the great deal of pain she endured; never asking to be spared suffering, only to be given the strength to bear it. There were times, however, she said that she did think "God, I believe that is enough." Then hymns of inspiration, such as "Have Thine Own Way, Lord", would come to her. "His power has come through in the prayers you offered up for me. It has been worth being sick to receive the blessings I have. I told my doctor when you have 13,000 United Methodist women praying for you, you've got to get better. God lives, loves us, and cares for us."

MINUTES - The Executive Committee minutes of July 15, 1985 were corrected. The last line under Treasurer should read, "...and therefore need only to be presented at the District Annual Meeting beginning in 1986."

NOMINATIONS - Marian Eggerton was recommended by the Nominating Committee for election as a member of that committee instead of Lynn Foil who asked that her name not be placed in nomination. The Executive Committee approved the change in the report of the Nominating Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE - Lottie Palazzo wrote to say that her daughter had undergone brain surgery in Houston and was doing fine. She will have to undergo physical therapy to regain full use of her left side. Olive Daniels, directress of Ganta Methodist Boys/Girls Hostels in Liberia wrote expressing appreciation again for the dinnerware sent by Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN - Norma Winegeart reported on the evaluation sheets received from those who attended. There were 107 turned in at the first school and 70 at the second. Overall they were very positive.

HISTORIAN - Dorothy Abraham reported that the United Methodist Women Scrapbook has been updated with newsclippings and other items about UMW happenings. Another addition to the files is the original registration from the nine districts

for the Centennial Celebration held at the 1983 Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge. This information was obtained from Estelle Dameron. Dorothy also gave some highlights of Conference B found in the archives.

CHARTER COMMITTEE - Erlene Bradford, chairperson of the Committee on Implementation of the New Charter for Racial Justice Policies, reported developing a skit based on the material in the Conference booklet, "Opening Doors to Racial/Ethnic Understanding." A copy may be obtained from her or the Conference President. Future activities recommended are more racial/ethnic meetings and prayer breakfasts, involvement of the Conference Chairperson of Religion and Race, and refresher workshops. Nell Read expressed appreciation to Erlene and her committee for the work they have done. The committee has now been dissolved, but districts and local units are still expected to follow through on this concern.

TREASURER - Judy Rountree reported that the pledge and budget adopted at the July 15, 1985 meeting of the Executive Committee reflected only a one percent increase in Pledge to Missions instead of the intended five percent. On a motion by Judy, seconded by Johnnye Butler, a new budget was approved by the Executive Committee for adoption at the Annual Meeting. A copy is attached.

Judy further reported that a total of $10,305.09 has been received for the mission candles. Monies for Special Mission Recognition Pins amounted to $5300 for the third quarter. There is still needed $744.54 to pay for the dinnerware sent to Liberia. The School of Christian Mission went over budget by $1288.03. Alberta Springer of Shreveport has agreed to audit the Conference United Methodist Women books for $500. Dulac Community Center is related programatically to the National Division and Women's Division owns the property. All monies for Dulac should be sent as National Division Supplementary Gifts following proper channels.

DISTRICTS - District presidents shared orally some of the happenings within their districts. Shreveport District reported that 36 of 43 churches were represented at their Mini-Schools of Christian Mission. There were 18 ministers present. The Lake Charles District officers went to Kansas City for the "Say Yes" workshop. Betty Carlin urged other districts to go and grow. Pat Cobb of New Orleans-Slidell District told of three inner city churches, pastored by David Billings, trying to organize a unit of United Methodist Women.

FINANCIAL INTERPRETATION - Barbara Woods, Secretary for Financial Interpretation, presented a progress report on her position detailing work accomplished by herself and district secretaries of financial interpretation, work in progress, and special events and comments. Tasks included speaking engagements and preparing pledge services and materials. Included with her report was a copy of the speeches she gave at School of Christian Mission in July. A copy of her complete report is on file with the secretary.

DISTRICT EVALUATIONS - Nell reported that district evaluation forms were available and would be distributed to the district presidents at the close of the meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING - Judy Sandlin, Chairperson of Committee on Annual Meeting Program, expressed greetings to Carolyn Marshall and gave last minute instructions concerning transportation to the meeting.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE - Norma Winegeart announced that the Committee on Program and School of Christian Mission will meet November 15 and 16, 1985 at

Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church, Alexandria. Housing will be at the Ransville Motel, 3923 MacArthur Drive. She reminded district presidents about District Elected Leader Training and asked them to see that district officers attend, especially those newly elected.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Nell Read spoke of the necessity for changes in the make-up of the Conference Executive Committee. The group is getting unwieldy. The more people involved, the more inspiration and understanding of the work. Yet the number is a strain on Administration and Membership Development funds. Members of the committee expressed their opinions and no decision was made with regards to the Committee on Nominations members being a part of the Executive Committee. Nell said the make-up of the Executive Committee was a legacy she would turn over to the new conference president.

COSROW - Betty Rowell, Chairperson of the Commission on Status and role of Women, expressed the opinion that there is sufficient representation of COSROW on the Executive Committee without her being on the Committee. On a motion by Linda Shepherd, seconded by Pat Cobb, the Executive Committee voted to request the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules to take the necessary steps to remove the Chairperson of the Confernce COSROW as a member of the Executive Committee.

DELT 1986 - On a motion by Norma Winegeart, seconded by Linda Shepherd, Madge Lewis was elected chairperson of the Task Group of District Elected Leadership Training for 1986.

OUT-OF-CONFERENCE MEETINGS - Janelle McCammon is to attend Women's Division Annual Meeting in October. She, Sally Turner, and Pat Cobb will attend the New Officer Training Event in New York in December. Betty Rowell nominated Johnnye Butler, Mission Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns, to attend the IMPACT meeting in Washington, D.C. in March, 1986. She was selected.

ASSEMBLY - There are six $300 South Central Jurisdiction Scholarships to Assembly being given. Forms are available from Norma Winegeart. Deadline for application is December 31, 1985. Conference delegates to Assembly elected by the Executive Committee are Janelle McCammon, Judy Rountree, Norma Winegeart, Taylor Phillips, and Barbara Woods. Madge Lewis and Sally Turner were selected as alternates. Janelle announced that Louisiana Conference has a block of 20 rooms at the Marriott in Anaheim. With four in a room we should come close to our quota of 88 persons to attend Assembly.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES - United Methodist Women are represented on the Conference Council on Ministries by the Conference President and one other person selected by the Executive Committee. On a motion by Evelyn Evans, seconded by Helen Johnson, Pat Cobb was selected.

GUIDELINES - Nell Read appointed a task group composed of Norma Winegeart, Judy Rountree, and Evelyn Evans to refine the Conference guidelines and turn the findings over to the Committee on Standing Rules. (Women's Division provides our Constitution and By-Laws therefore the change in the name of the Committee from Committee on Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules.)

The meeting adjourned following remarks by Juanita McGirt and Carolyn Marshall.

Evelyn Evans, Secretary

Nell Read, President

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The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women opened Friday, September 20, 1985 at 1:00 P.M., in the sanctuary of Asbury United Methodist Church, Lafayette, Louisiana. Nell Read, President, convened the meeting and presided.

THEME HYMN: Hymn No. 499 in the METHODIST HYMNAL, "New Every Morning Is The Love."

WELCOME: Pat Parrott, president of Asbury United Methodist Women and Janelle McCammon, president of Baton Rouge-Lafayette District United Methodist Women, gave the following greeting in unison:

"Bienvenu means welcome, And that's what we would say,
To every single one of you, On this lovely autumn day.
All of us in Lafayette, And throughout the district too,
Have eagerly awaited this chance to welcome you.
We've looked forward to your coming, And made preparations grand,
Rolled out the red carpet, And called out the band.
We've come to continue celebrating, In this last Centennial year,
United Methodist Women's spirit and tradition, And these things we hold so dear.
As we remeber our glorious past, We look ahead to new beginnings,
Approaching the future joyfully, With zeal and zest unending.
We are so very honored to have all our special guests,
Our new Bishop Underwood, our new president Carolyn Marshall, and all the rest.
And we're so very, very thankful that our dear Nell Read is here,
And pray God's special blessings upon her each day in this new year.
So again we say Bienvenu and pray that God above
Will keep his hand upon us all as we seek to share his love."

Dr. Ray Branton, minister of Asbury UMC, also greeted those assembled. He compared UMW to the Jesuit priests with whom he had made a retreat. They are well-ordered, focused. They have a sense of who they are-persons in mission in the army of the Lord. They are scholarly. He reminded the women of the heritage they have and that they were present to celebrate and perpetuate it.

OPENING WORSHIP: Reverend Carolyn Brannon led this time of worship starting with the Call to Worship printed in the program. It was based on the purpose of United Methodist Women. Hymn No. 3 in the METHODIST HYMNAL, "Come Thou Almighty King," was sung. A prayer and collect followed. The Scripture read was I Peter 1:3-8. Reverend Brannon's sermon, "Earned the Right to Dance," told of an Indian sculpture titled the same as the sermon. She said we earn the right to dance when we know the living Christ and we realize that God is with us and we relinquish our own need to be self-determind. She told of the black pottery of the Pueblo Indians and likened it to Christians being put through the fire and coming out knowing that Jesus Christ has been

raised from the dead and is with us, enabling us. In closing she told of the directions given to her husband when he went to visit the Bear Clan of the Apache tribe in Colorado. He was told to go to the Rocky Mountains, to a certain lake, and then to turn West. The Clan would find him. "The direction to Christians is go through life, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and when you walk through the door to eternity, my God will find you." The time of worship ended with the singing of Hymn No. 40 in the METHODIST HYMNAL, "Many and Great, O God."

MISSION CANDLES: Mary Adele Compton, former president of Louisiana Conference UMW, reminded those present that it was in this same church on September 22, 1973, that the new organization of United Methodist Women was celebrated - a new beginning. She introduced Virginia Laskey, a former president of Louisiana Conference and Women's Division who lit with joy and thanksgiving the Heritage Candle which symbolizes much of the glory of the past. Mrs. Compton continued by giving a brief history of the Mission Candles. The Heritage Candle was first used in Shreveport in 1979. Women from throughout the Conference had sent in candles which were melted and molded into a larger candle. The Present and Future Candles were added at the 1982 Annual Meeting. Barbara Woods, the Secretary of Financial Interpretation, lit the Present Candle knowing that it costs $32.88 per minute for mission work today. A total of $10,428.73 was donated to keep the candles burning for 5 hours 18 minutes. Paula Milo, elected a member of Women's Division for this quadrennium, lit the Future Candle. On closing Mrs. Compton announced that a grand total of some $63,645.77 has been given to mission since the inception of the Mission Candles. We are building on yesterday, committed to tomorrow, with hope for the future. With faith and dedication we are continually a new beginning.

HYMN: A hymn, "A New Day Waits for You," with words by Lynn Foil of Metaire United Methodist Church was sung to the tune of Hymn No. 28, "O God, Our Help In Ages Past."

PRESENTATION OF PROGRAM: Judy Sandlin, Chairperson of the Committee on Annual Meeting Program and Betty Ferrington, Assistant Chairperson, presented the program with the following skit:

Will you use your imaginations with me as we go forward in time to the year 2085? We will be witnessing a planning session for the Annual Meeting to take place that year.

BETTY: Hey Judy! What on earth is the matter? Looks like you've got the weight of the Universe on your shoulders. Did our keynote speaker back out on us?

JUDY: No, nothing like that - but here we are trying to wrap up the plans for Annual Meeting, and I just got word that my husband is being transferred to another galaxy!

BETTY: You're kidding! YOU'RE NOT KIDDING? You're sure?

JUDY: I'm sure. How in the world will I ever get all this stuff done, and get ready for the movers?

BETTY: Take heart, Judy. It can be done! You remember when we were researching past Annual Meetings and I went back in time to observe the preparations for the 1985 meeting?

JUDY: Yeah.

BETTY: Well, the chairperson for that year had the same thing happen to her.

JUDY: No joke?

BETTY: That's right. She really did! Her husband was transferred to another state.

JUDY: Oh, well! At least it wasn't to another galaxy! Although sometimes I think its easier to move light years across the universe than it is to move to another state.

BETTY: I know what you mean!

JUDY: What other little goodies did you pick up in your travels back to days of yore?

BETTY: See for yourself! I brought back the minutes of their planning sessions. Just look at the names on this 1985 Committee.

JUDY: I remember hearing some of these names more than once. They really left their mark on Louisiana United Methodist Women. Why, Nell Read was president that year and Norma Winegeart was vice-president. You know that their expertise was invaluable to the committee.

BETTY: You know it! Also, Judy Rountree, Nancy Carruth, and Lueburda Myers.

JUDY: Yeah, that's right. No Annual Meeting could be pulled together without the treasurer, publicity and program resources people. Looks like Janelle McCammon, Mattie Lee Smith, Jeanette Mestayer and Mary Adele Compton contributed some good ideas and help in getting those details worked out for things like evaluations, choirs to sing, and presenting the Mission Candles.

BETTY: Now here's a person that helped everything come together. Reverend Carolyn Brannon was just who the committee needed to plan the worship services. And what about the local arrangements people? You and I know how important they are!

JUDY: You bet! Seems like Pat Parrott and Myrna Walker must have been worth their weight in gold!

BETTY: Sounds like the local unit at Asbury really did their homework.

JUDY: Sure does! There are 1001 details that had to be seen about - like parking! There were only 125 parking space available.

BETTY: Boy! I bet that was a problem, especially since jet packs weren't on the market yet. Look! The theme for the meeting was "New Beginnings." Wonder what the significance of that was?

JUDY: According to their notes, they hoped the women attending would become more aware that "anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being, that the old is gone and the new is come." Also, they were starting into a new quadrennium and wanted to emphasize that.

BETTY: Of course! That's why they had the new Women's Division President, Carolyn Marshall, as the keynote speaker and the newly invested Bishop Walter Underwood as the Celebrant for the Communion Service. Also, Paula Milo told of her new beginnings as a new young member of Women's Division and Don Ross of Wesley Foundation of USL thanked UMW for their support.

JUDY: That's right! And I see here that Fran Hall, Conference Chairperson of Membership was there to recognize new units, and Barbara Woods, serving in the brand new office of Financial Interpretation Secretary was a part of the program. Amy Ward was there to report on new mission concepts and Nancy Carruth told of her experience in Liberia. The music must have really been special. I understand that Jeff Langdon, the organist at Asbury had only been there for three weeks and yet he stepped in and played beautifully. And Alice Story was there and played the piano whenever she was needed.

BETTY: The Marian Eggerton did a good job of promoting the 1986 Assembly, and Gladys Prillerman honored retiring officers. You know, Judy, it sure takes a lot of people to make an Annual Meeting. I think the committee must have put in a lot of hours to make this one possible.

JUDY: I'm sure they felt it was worth it if the women who were there enjoyed it. Now, we'd better get busy on this meeting for 2085! I need to get home as soon as possible - there's all that moving stuff to think about. I left Rhonda Robot taking inventory, but you know how undependable those things can be!

REPORT OF PRESIDENT: Nell Read came to the podium amidst a standing ovation to give her report. She took a moment of personal privilege to give thanks to God for being

one of his most blessed human beings and to tell everyone present that she loved them, her Christian family. She recognized Carolyn Marshall, Virginia Laskey, Juanita McGirt, Paula Milo, and the project directors.

Her report, "New Beginnings," was as follows:

"Changing and growing are expected stages in the lives of God's creatures. Some creatures literally grow out of their outer coverings. The snake slithers out of its old skin, the crustacean walks out of its old shell, and the butterfly burst out of its cocoon.

As human beings, we, too, can open our lives to the power, love, and grace of Christ to grow in spirit. II Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

We may need to shed some of our restricting attitudes in order to learn the ways of our new creation. We must put aside anger, resentment, and guilt in order to take on love, forgiveness, and a dedication to serve others. Each new day brings an opportunity to begin again. This does not mean that we go back to the very beginning; but that we build our new lives on the experiences of the past. Our Centennial motto - Committed to Mission Tomorrow - Building on Yesterday - indicates that we take on new stature, adding to our learned responses.

Phyllis Hobe, writing for Daily Guideposts, tells of digging up a scrawny, spindly rosebush to replace it with a new and healthy one. As she dug a deep hole, putting in gravel, sand, and fertilizer to settle in the new plant, watering it carefully; she looked at the bedraggled old bush. It had little care - no new soil, fertilizer, or water. So she pruned away the dead wood and carefully replanted the old rosebush, adding a dash of hope. Today the two plants produce fragrant flowers side by side. Is it possible that we might rid ourselves of some outgrown habits and put on a new life in Christ?

Perhaps we could do the same for our beloved organization of United Methodist Women. We might add some new inspiration and find additional avenues of service. Surely there is a great need for our care and concern if we courageously accept the power of God in our lives as we begin anew.

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Woimen can be proud of some of our yesterdays. The past year we have had some good experiences on which we can build our tomorrows.

Leadership training is always important. Our district mission teams come together in October to share ideas and learn new ways of service. Conference officers sacrifice time away from family to take advantage of learning opportunities at Regional School of Christian Mission and other leadership experiences. These skills are passed on to local leaders at several district events.

An effective means of letting our conference "see us in action" is UMW Sunday in January each year. This popular event has brought about greater understanding of our purpose and goals.

Our spiritual enrichment has come about through conference and district retreats and a Christian Disciplines Workshop, as well as daily personal disciplines and unit programs. We have broadened our vision and participation in the world around us by involvement in Church Women United, a Central America Seminar, and a follow-up on National Seminar. We are involved in a wide variety of community programs including Agenda for Children. In fact, the October issue of Response will feature Louisiana in an article in the "From the Regions" section.

And perhaps the best learning/growing opportunity of all is our School of Christian Mission. Here we are involved in worship, study, leadership training, as well as sharing with others in creative fellowship.

And we have grown in giving. Someone has said one does not gain happiness by seeking it; but rather it is a by-product of a life of service to others. We have been made happy by an overpaid pledge and countless deeds of service by local units and members of the community in which they live and to projects and persons in mission.

We shall endeavor to be new creatures in Christ, building on our yesterdays and accepting our goals of increased membership, increased giving, and a deepened spiritual life.

Sometimes it might help to look at ourselves through the eyes of others. Did you ever wonder what kind of witness we give to the world? Let us picture Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women as Women's Division sees us. To them we are 12,551 members in 334 units as of 1984. We are $262,580.82 total monies sent to Women's Division in 1984. They see us somewhat, I suppose, as statistics.

How does the church see us? They see us as supportive, providing leadership, and making programs available.

How do the districts see us? The Conference Mission Team is available for leadership. We meet administrative needs with funds. We provide workshops as patterns and the School of Mission and officer training.

Do local units and members see us? Some don't; they hardly know we are there. Some see us as always asking for money - telling them what to do. What we hope they see is us as hardworking, dedicated women, willing to sacrifice by sharing time, talents, and commitment to purpose; as partners in mission.

I see us as growing in spirit, purpose, ability. Women willing to risk, dare, work, pray, study and learn together in order to make our world a better place. Sure I get discouraged. Who can listen to the evening news on television or pick up a newspaper without becoming discouraged about what is happening in our world. When I feel depressed, I think of you, members of United Methodist Women.

God sees us. He knows we means well. He accepts us with all our mistakes. He empowers us to do beyond our human strength. He blesses us with merciful grace.

Do we enjoy our work? On leaving the sanctuary after Sunday worship a little girl asked the minister, "Did you have fun up there today?" Do we show the world that we love what we're doing? Let us go out in joy - witnessing to the fun we have trying to do God's will in our lives."

APPOINTMENTS: Madge Lewis and Ella Mae Custer were appointed to examine the journal.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Evelyn Evans, Conference Secretary, read the following recommendation of the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committe of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women recommends that the offering from the twelfth Annual Meeting be given to the Centennial Celebration Fund in honor of Carolyn Marshall.

The recommendation was approved.

STANDING RULES: Judy Sandlin, Chairperson of the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules, reported that the Committee recommends the following changes:

A. That the Conference Standing Rule Number 5 under the Section Funds, Page 3 of the Standing Rules as revised and distributed at the Annual Meeting of 1983, be amended to read:

   5. Thirteen (13) cents per mile shall be allowed for travel by car. When a van is used with six (6) or more people in the pool, mileage will be paid at 25¢ a mile. No mileage will be paid to anyone who chooses not to car pool. Any exceptions will be voted on by the Conference Administrative Committee. When district and conference officers travel together with expenses provided by their respective organizations, they shall submit pro rata shares of the expenses of these groups. Other riders shall assume their share of the expense.

B. From the Conference Standing Rule Number 2 under the Section Committees, Page 3 of the Standing Rules as revised and distributed at the Annual Meeting 1983, delete the words "the district treasurers" so as to read as follows:

   2. The following persons shall be members of the Conference Executive Committee without vote: the historian, the editor-public relations coordinator; chairpersons of standing committees (if not already members of the Executive Committee); and the wife of the bishop, who shall be an honorary vice president.

C. That the Conference Standing Rule Number 5 under the Section Leadership, Page 5 of the Standing Rules as revised and distributed at the Annual Meeting 1983, be deleted.

The changes were approved

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Judy Rountree gave the following report:

"How does it feel to be a part of a blessing? God has so richly blessed Louisiana with her people, her heritage, her natural resources and especially with United Methodist Women. Through your love and generosity you are sharing God's blessing in mission.

Total giving in 1984 was $326,732.11 with our pledge to mission being overpaid for the third year in a row. As we approach the final quarter of 1985, we have paid 38 percent of our Pledge to Missions. The third quarter reports are now coming in and I know they will be good. While 38 percent does not appear to be encouraging for midpoint in the year, there is every reason to trust that we will meet and exceed our pledge of $225,750 for 1985.

Twenty-two Estelle Dameron Scholarships were granted for the Schools of Christian Mission amounting to $1302.25. Our scholarship fund has a current balance of $776.76. As you prepare your local unit budget, please consider adding a contribution to this fund each year. An offering of $1670 was received for Four Corners Indian Ministry at the Schools.

Our 1986 proposed budget again reflects a 5 percent increase in the Pledge to Missions for a total of $237,050 with a decrease in the Administrative and Membership development Budget of $1,348.93. Eighteen percent of the pledge will be withheld to fund the A & MD budget with $5,378 coming from monies received for Conference A & MD. Your Conference Mission Team appreciates the funding provided by you. We are here to be in mission with you and for you. While we are pledging $237,050 for mission in 1986, this is the minimum amount we would like to give. I know as God continues to bless you, you in turn will continue to be in mission and share your blessing with others."

The following proposed budget for 1986 was presented and adopted.

PROPOSED BUDGET - 1986
Louisiana Conference - United Methodist Women

PLEDGE TO MISSION		$237,050.00
ADMINISTRATIVE AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:		
A.	Travel Expenses: Mileage, room, board, insurance for Executive Committee events within our conference	7,000.00
B.	Officer Resources: Service Center, etc.	100.00
C.	District Administrative & Membership Development	12,565.00
D.	Jurisdiction A & MD (5/8 of 1% pledge):	1,482.00
E.	Schools of Christian Mission:	
	1. Regional	4,000.00
	2. Conference	7,500.00
F.	Programs & Events within our Conference:	
	1. Annual Meeting	1,500.00
	2. District Elected Leaders Training	1,200.00
	3. Church Related Meetings	300.00
	4. Retreat, 1987	100.00
G.	Attendance at Regional & National Events	
	1. Assembly, 1986 (Cumulative 4 years)	1,400.00
	2. Jurisdiction Meeting, 1988 (Cumulative 4 years)	600.00
	3. Church Women United Ecumenical Assembly, 1988 (Cumulative 4 years)	250.00
	4. National Seminar, 1987 (Cumulative 4 years)	250.00
	5. Other Special Meetings	300.00
H.	Operating Expenses:	
	1. Conference Directory	1,750.00
	2. Newsletter	4,000.00
	3. Postage	900.00
	4. Office Supplies & Mimeographing	750.00
	5. Telephone	750.00
	6. Audit	500.00
	7. Honors & Memorials	300.00
I.	Church Women United, Louisiana:	250.00
J.	Unanticipated Opportunities:	300.00
	Total A & MD Budget for 1986	48,047.00
TOTAL CONFERENCE BUDGET		$285,097.00
Amount to be withheld to equal 18% of Pledge		$42,669.00
Amount to be used from anticipated income from A & MD Gifts		5,378.00
		$48,047.00

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: The following nominees for officers and term of office were reported by Margaret Burris, Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations:

President	Janelle McCammon (Mrs. C.R.)	2 years
Secretary	Sally Turner (Mrs.)	2 years
Mission Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns	Johnnye Butler (Mrs. T.J.)	2 years
Secretary of Program Resources	Lueburda Myers (Mrs. Kenneth)	2 years
Chairperson, Committee on Membership	Pat Cobb (Mrs. Earl)	2 years
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations	Emily Wiley (Mrs. Richard)	1 year
Members, Committee on Nominations	Willa Mae Kimbrough (Ms.)	3 years
	Lorraine Sparks (Mrs. Prince)	3 years
	Marian Eggerton (Mrs. Robert)	3 years

ELECTION: There were no nominations from the floor so election was by voice vote. All nominees were elected.

SONGS OF HOPE: Following a short break, the gathering sung these hymns, "To God Be the Glory;" "Just a Closer Walk With Thee;" "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus;" "A New Day Waits for You;" "Glory Be To God on High;" and "Alleluia".

1986 ASSEMBLY: Marian Eggerton said that this meeting may be a once in a lifetime experience, as for the past few years we have been celebrating the hundredth birthday of United Methodist Women and the two hundredth birthday of Methodism in America. She went on to recall the fun times had by many celebrating in their John Wesley costumes and prairie dresses. The Assembly of United Methodist Women will take us from the past "Into The Future By Faith." The April 17-20 meeting will be in Anaheim, California. The September Response will give details and Janelle McCammon has registration packets. Six scholarships are available and those blanks can be secured from Norma Winegeart.

MEMBERSHIP: Fran Hall, Chairperson of Committee on Membership, reported that at the beginning of 1985 there were 12,753 members in 344 units. She recognized five new units, Messiah, New Orleans-Houma District; Dubach, Ruston District; and Winnsboro, Sicily Island and Faith, Monroe District, that were organized during the year. January 26, 1986 will be UMW Sunday. Approximately 175 units participated this year and Mrs. Hall expressed appreciation to the ministers of the local churches for allowing United Methodist Women to present themselves and our purpose to the total church. Members were reminded to budget for Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarships. Three-fourths of those given this year were to women under age 35. The membership presentation ended with everyone participating in membership movements, a series of in-place exercises with a membership theme, e.g. waist twist. We need to practice this to look for new members - twist that waist and look for new members - up and down the pew, up and down the halls at church, up and down the streets in our neighborhood, etc.

FINANCIAL INTERPRETER: Each year, said Barbara Woods, we make our pledge to UMW, but we don't always understand the various kinds of mission this money makes possible in our country and around the world. We don't make a connection between

the money we give and the programs out there. We fail to find out where the money goes and what we as an organization are doing with it. It is her job to tell us where it goes and what is being done with it, so she gave excerpts from the Annual Report of Women's Division of General Board of Global Ministries. She closed her report by saying that we are not afraid of the future because we know we are helping to shape it. We do not limit our vision of neighbor to those next door because, as Wesley, we believe the world is our parish. We are women in mission and we are in mission because God, through Christ, is in us.

SKIT: A very humorous, informative skit on utilizing the Prayer Calendar, was given by Pam Cooper and Donna Tindell.

LIBERIA: Nancy Carruth, President of Division of Higher Education of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, accompanied a task group to Liberia in February. Invited by the Bishop of West Africa, the group's purpose was to determine the feasibility of establishing an institution of higher education there. She reported:

"....houses along the road looked as pictures in National Geographic 45 years ago. We passed houses with thatched roofs, poorly built. A few were of cement blocks. We also passed a beautiful sports coliseum being built by Chinese as a gift of China. I thought of all the other things that money could have been used for...Our first official visit was to the College of West Africa, which is not a college, but a high school. Ernestine Smith, president of the school was born in Vidalia. She and her husband went to Liberia in 1958 and became naturalized citizens. She was so proud of her school. When I looked around and saw the meger supplies and obsolete equipment, it made me want to cry because they do so much with so little. They supposedly have government subsidy, but it had been cut in half or not paid at all. Teachers had not received a salary the last two months. Education is most needed in this country. There are 28 different tribal groups in Liberia. The infant mortality rate is 45 percent. When we asked why they continue to have children and are not taught birth control, we were told that most women take the attitude that half of their babies are going back to God. They have big families to assure themselves that some will live. Polygamy is practiced, though not among Methodist ministers. A man is allowed four wives. The illiteracy rate before the coup was 80 percent and is probably higher now...We attended Annual Conference at the end of a dirt road in a small cement block church with no doors or windows...The Bishop reminded those there how blessed they were not to have starvation to contend with like Ethiopia. He asked them to give generously to the offering, which would go to Ethiopia. Out of their little they gave $560...The West Africa Central Conference is pushing hard for the Methodist institution of higher learning. For every 5000 high school graduates there are only 300 slots in the two institutions available, Liberia University, owned by the government, and Cuttington College, an Episcopal school...The native church leadership now coming forward proves that when given a chance there is no limit to what they can do. They are much in need in some ways, but not in their faith and not in their love of God. In this respect they put us to shame. This trip was one of the most meaningful experiences in my lifetime..."

WESLEY FOUNDATION: Don Ross, campus minister at USL, spoke on behalf of the Wesley Foundations in Louisiana. He expressed gratitude for the continued support of UMW and told how the program was a great opportunity to be in mission today. Wesley Foundations are on campus to be involved in evangelism, in nuture, and in education of young people, he said.

NEW MISSION CONCEPTS: Amy Ward, a member of the General Board of Global Ministries, spoke of the UMW as being an important part of proclaiming the unchanging gospel to a changing world. She quoted Peggy Billings as saying that mission is being in those places where the will of God intersects the will of the world. She went on to say that we must recognize that we are all givers and we are all receivers. Christians in

other lands need to share their spiritual gifts with us. Some tasks performed by our missionaries are today being done by well-prepared nationals. For example in Singapore in 1959 there were 79 U.S. missionaries. In 1979 there were only 7, but the church had grown and sent 30 national missionaries to neighboring countries. Six percent of missionary support from World Division goes to support nationals in their own and neighboring countries. Missionaries from the United States, however, are still needed. The task is not finished. There are new programs and new people who have not heard the gospel and must be reached.

Following Mrs. Ward's report the meeting was adjourned. Those assembled took turns then going to the gym for the evening meal of Cajun food and music, or meeting with project directors and conference officers.

SPECIAL MUSIC: The meeting reconvened at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary with the Asbury Ringers, a bell choir, playing the prelude. Under the direction of Rosa Lynne Miller, they also played during the offering.

HYMN: Hymn No. 27 in the METHODIST HYMNAL, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise," was sung.

ANTIPHONAL RESPONSE: Reverend Carolyn Brannon led the response based on the book of Daniel. Hymn No. 256, "Be Thou My Vision," was sung.

OFFERING: Barbara Woods made a brief statement telling about the Centennial Celebration Fund to which the offering is going in honor of Carolyn Marshall. The offering totaled $1075.

GUEST SPEAKER: Nell Read introduced Carolyn Marshall and the following are excerpts from the address by Mrs. Marshall:

It is indeed my privilege to be here this evening and have this opportunity to spend a couple of days with you and to share together. I can assure you that being the president of Women's Division does carry a great deal of responsibility, but in reality, the responsibility is no greater than it is for each one of you. You are where the action is. Thank you for the opportunity of being with you. It is also good for me to have a chance to speak with Mrs. Laskey. She, having walked this path several years ago, knows the terrain and I am grateful for the heritage she has helped to bring....

We come at this time of Centennial Celebration. We come, as we have heard several times today, near the end of the Centennial Era and I share with you words from Bishop Washburn at the 1976 General Conference. "Women do not have a place in the church. As though they could be put in the church kitchen, choir loft, the Administrative Board, or in the episcopacy. Women will not be put in places in the church. They have left places and have taken to the road; taken to being people of the way; taken to the pilgrimage leading toward the city of God. Theirs are not places, but movement; dynamic action; journeys within the church. They are free in Christ."

As we think in terms of the fact that we have been involved in this Centennial Era, we realize that United Methodist Women as we know the organization today was created by Action of General Conference in 1972. The theme for this particular Centennial Era, which you have so beautifully protrayed, was Committed To Missions - Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. At no time in life do we start over. At base zero we build on yesterday. We always build on that which has gone before us. If any of us was to be asked a specific date for a birthday, an anniversary, we would be able to say that on the 18th of July or the 20th of September or whatever. This is not quite so as far as women organized for mission within what we now know as the United Methodist Church. For as we study the heritage which is ours we are aware that it dates back to the mid-nineteenth century, but it spans a variety of dates. To arrive at the time and place where we are today we have evolved through ten denominations and would you believe, seventeen different groups of women organized for mission. Very obviously all seventeen of these were not organized on a particular date.

So we think in terms of this four year era in which we are organized for mission today. In the course of these last several years I have had the opportunity to read all history of those seventeen organizations. I became increasingly aware that though they are couched in different phraseology and at different points in time, that to which we ascribe now as the purpose of United Methodist Women, has been the purpose of all women's groups organized for mission. To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission. Throughout all this time the concentration has been upon meeting the needs of women and children. So historically, as well as presently, women's groups throughout United Methodism and its predecessor organizations, have been deeply rooted in the gospel, to the spiritual outreach, mission outreach, and social action.

Perhaps some of you remember that about fifteen years ago Remington Rand came out with a new punctuation mark. It caught my eye because so often we write or we say something that comes out between a question mark and an exclamation point. And when Remington Rand came out with that symbol they call the interrobang I thought, boy that's something that's going to catch on. I don't know that it really caught on any place except my mind. It was the first new punctuation mark since 1671 and somehow as I tried to relate that interrobang to life, it seems that so much of our life comes out that way. It's something between a question and an exclamation point.

How often was Jesus greeted with a question mark. The world has millions of questions marks. Jesus told us to be kind and forgiving, but for twenty solid centuries religious persons and atheists alike have gone on being merciless and have lived and ruled in a non-Christian way. And look at us now. We have never been in a worse mess. Yes, an interrobang. For here at the gates of Jerusalem, at the places where we are called to live out our calling, where we are called to live out that faith of ours, we are called to replace that questions mark with an exclamation point. One of the greatest journeys we can take personally, one of the greatest journeys we can take as a unit, as a church, as a community is to be filling all the question marks in the world with exclamation points. We can come and we can be inspired and we can set goals, but the real proof is in the doing. No longer are we a question mark as we go out to be that church.

Seemingly there is so much to be done and we have the feeling that we can do so little. We think in terms of the needs of the world and we realize the inequality in distribution of resources, the hunger, the malnutrition, enemployment, lack of educational opportunities, fear of war. That list could go on and on. We could be here all week. And yet over and over again we see examples that women and children are the ones who bear the brunt of most of these burdens.

And so for that reason women began seeking more than one hundred years ago how they could meet those needs. How they could get together and sacrifically give, even if only two cents a week. How they could help to meet the needs of women and children and right some of the wrongs. They knew where they were going. They had a game plan and they went out... We need to realize we have to have a direction, a plan. Because without it we could not become an exclamation point in response to life's questions.

I'd like us to think of three enablers we must have in order to help us along the way. The first one is prayer, that of praise. Prayer can be very real if God is a part of that prayer... Truly all that has been accomplished as far as women organized for mission goes back to it. A deep and abiding prayer life has been very much a part of all, and so it remains today. One sentence that I'm not really sure when it first come to my hearing is, "prayer is the river at whose brink, some die and others pause to drink." Hopefully all of our United Methodist Women use that river of prayer to drink and drink and drink, to be renewed, rekindled, revived. It certainly is not possible to share something which is not a part of us any more than it is possible to come back from some place we haven't been. Yes, prayer and study are at the very basic core of not only our organization, but our lives.

A second thing that we need to be about is that of practice and example. Truly it is essential that we live that which we profess. The cause of Christianity is not a creed but is full commitment to Jesus Christ. More people are going to see the Bible when it is bound in shoe leather, those shoes that you and I wear as we walk daily, than will probably ever read the Bible. An expectant world sits and waits for those of us who are a part of the church,

those of us in this particular instance who are a part of United Methodist Women to go out and share. Yes, United Methodist Women through history have been involved in social action, involved in righting some of the wrongs of society...

Because United Methodist Women, and all those women associated with predecessor organizations, have been persons who were on the cutting edge of society. Persons who were not content with the status quo. Persons who were willing to risk; risk takers. Yes, it is important that we set our examples. It is important that we live our faith and not just profess it. It is important that people know who we are and whose we are as we go about our daily living...

The third thing I would like to talk about for a moment is that is perserverance. Unceasing Christian service that goes on and on despite all the reasons we can think of why it might not be possible to do it...There are times when that's not easy. There are times when it's not easy in our own family, our units, our churches, and yet is is a clear imperative of the gospel that we are to go to the hungry and feed, go to the lonely and love. We are to bring healing ministries to the sick, to offer forgiveness to the sinful. To go to the feeble with strength to go into the world, but be not of the world; to be a part of the world, not apart from the world. To be a light unto the world, not a light of the world. We are called upon to do the best we can regardless of where or what or why. Regardless of the difficulties that come. We put ourselves aside. We provide that person power and we trust God with the outcome. People who really do great things do not start out to do them; they start out to do what they can and to be faithful. To walk with God means that we will go where he goes, do what he did to others, serve as he served, love as he loved. Bishop Copeland said hope lies in the Christian affirmation that the basin and towel are companions of the cross and the empty tomb. The only way the world can give redemptive love is through reconciliation in terms of Christian service to mankind...

United Methodist Women are not called, and historically have not been, sitting silent on the sidewalks...One of the projects of Women's Division in this Centennial Era is that of obtaining names and biographies of 100 Women in Mission. It was very difficult when you think that at his particular time we have over 4 million United Methodist Women. We think in terms of the legacy of the hundreds, the thousands who have gone before us and to select 100 women is more than a difficult task...I share with you one of these biographies, a woman who was born 130 years ago, a woman who was truly a pioneer in mission involvement. These are her words that have been recorded, "I have long since learned that God often uses the very poorest...That willing hands and obedient hearts are all that He requires." Willing hands, obedient hearts, prayer, practice, perseverance. These are the foundation for greatness, the soil in which Christian virtues flourish, the soil in which we live out that purpose we have.

The story is told of a great orator who was doing a stellar performance, who was on the stage reciting the 23rd Psalm. He became aware that off in the wings was a custodian who was watching intently. Somehow there was something inside that orator that was beckoning that custodian onto the stage. He came on in all meekness, and humility of faith, faith in his entire being that everybody in that audience was aware of, and said. "The Lord is my shepherd. I shall want for nothing. He restores my soul. I am not afraid to die. Even if I walk through the valley of death the Lord will be there." Few words were missed. The audience was in rapt attention. Whereupon the orator said, "My friends. The difference is I know the Psalm; he knows the Master." How appropriate this is for the time in which we live. Without the knowledge and reassurance of that relationship we cannot succeed. With it we cannot fail.

The meeting adjourned with the benediction by Reverend Brannon, minister of the Wesley-Hackberry Charge.

The Twelfth Annual Meeting reconvened in the sanctuary on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m.

WORSHIP: The morning worship began with the singing of the theme hymn. Reverend Brannon read II Corinthians 5:17 and asked for prayer requests. Persons voiced concern

for the earthquake victims in Mexico, apartheid in South Africia, hunger in Ethiopia, and national leaders, as well as personal needs. Each request was followed with the response, "Hear our prayer, O Lord," The period of worship closed with pastoral prayer by Reverend Brannon.

PRESENTATION: Celebrating the progress of women everywhere and in keeping with our tradition of being a supportive community, we honor those among us who have been ordained as elders in our conference, said Nell Read as she presented a Special Mission pin to Reverend Deborah Drash. Reverend Drash accepted an appointment at St. Luke's UMC in Baton Rouge. Mrs. Read expressed a pledge to continue to support her with our love and prayers as she continues in her ministry. Reverend Drash responded by telling of her call to the ministry. She affirmed that God gives all of us gifts to empower us for ministry.

RETIRING OFFICERS: Gladys Prillerman, of St. James United Methodist Church, Shreveport, recognized those officers who were completing their term of office. She read a poem that told of God's gifts and what our response to them should be, e.g..."God put love within my heart, A love I must impart, To a world in desperate need of care, All things that God gave to me I must share." The poem, she felt, was descriptive of the lives of these officers. They dreamed dreams, some dreams vanished, but enough were realized to give us the hope and desire to dream on. They prayed many prayers when no answers came, but because of their faith in God and in their purpose enough answers came to give the strength and courage we have today. She announced that in grateful appreciation of this total commitment a gift to missions in the amount of $2018.50 is being forwarded to Women's Division. Special Mission Recognition Pins were presented to Nell Read, Evelyn Evans, Fran Hall, Judy Sandlin, Margaret Burris, Betty Blackman, Lou Medlock and Betty Ferrington.

INSTALLATION: Carolyn Marshall conducted the installation service for the newly-elected officers. Included in the ceremony also were those who were continuing to serve in various capacities. Juanita McGirt, member of the Sourth Central Jurisdication Core Planning Group and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, assisted Mrs. Marshall. Each officer was asked to select from a group of semi-precious polished stones. Mrs. Marshall assured them that though this was the first decision they would make as elected leaders, it would not be the last. She called attention to the fact that no two stones were alike. Each was unique, just as each of them were unique. Each person came with special skills and abilities that had been tumbled and honed to remove the rough edges as had the stones. She asked that they keep the stones, though in their hearts they needed no visible reminder, to show that they were aware of the responsibilities assumed and commitments made. In closing the officers were asked to affirm their acceptance of responsibility and commitment.

WOMEN'S DIVISION: Paulo Milo, a young, new Women's Division Director, reflected on her election to the post and the changes in her life since them. She did so by asking the group to journey with her on her new beginning, comparing the time to the warp factors that one might be familiar with if one were a Star Trek fan. Warp factors were the various speeds. Warp 1 was the move to Lafayette from Shreveport. She was surprised because after thirteen years there she did not think they would ever leave. She was disappointed in that it meant leaving high school at the end of her junior year. She was excited, however, by the challenge of adjusting to a new city and a new school. Warp 2 was

being elected to Women's Division. When asked in July of 1984, she had no hesitation. That phone call, she said, was the the beginning of the most exclusive learning and growing experience she had ever had. It gave her the opportunity to meet all kinds of women from all kinds of places who are united in the call to mission. One of the committees on which she serves is the Economic Justice Committee, which deals primarily with economic justice for women and minorities. Warp 3 was the beginning of life as a college freshman at USL in Lafayette and therefore is not yet complete. Warp 4 is the future. She closed with excerpts from a quotation by an unknown author that suggests that whatever we do we should be "slow to speak, quick to listen; slow to condemn and quick to justify; slow to demand, quick to give; slow to hinder, quick to help; slow to resent, quick to forgive; slow to judge, quick to accept; slow to complain, and quick to understand."

PLEDGE SERVICE: The pledge service was conducted by Judy Rountree and Barbara Woods. Following general remarks by them, each district treasurer and secretary for financial interpretation came forward, announced the district intention, and placed the pledge upon a scene depicting the theme, "A New Beginning." Members of that district were asked to stand and read a pledge response. Pledges were as follows: Alexandria, $21,500; Baton Rouge-Hammond, $28,300; Baton Rouge-Lafayette, $24,000; Lake Charles, $35,000; Monroe, $22,000; New Orleans-Houma $25,750; New Orleans-Slidell, $25,538; Ruston, $24,700; and Shreveport, $40,656. The service closed with prayer and singing of the hymn, "We Give Thee But Thine Own."

REGISTRATION: Registrar Margie Dunnington reported an attendance of 484 delegates, 38 conference officers, 16 guests, and 5 visitors.

INVITATION: Betty Adams of First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, issued an invitation for the conference to hold the 1986 Annual Meeting at their church. The invitation was accepted.

ADJOURNMENT: Nell Read expressed appreciation to the women and men of Asbury UMC who made the meeting a great celebration of God and to the Bishop and Mrs. Underwood for being with us. Former conference presidents of UMW, Wesleyan Service Guild, and predecessor organizations that were present were recognized. Juanita McGirt spoke a few words on behalf of the jurisdiction. Mrs. Read then declared that the meeting would be adjourned following the Service of Holy Communion.

PRESENTATION: Reverend Lester Nance, minister of Farmerville United Methodist Church, the home church of Nell Read, came "as a courier for his congregation who care for an untiring Methodist woman. Retiring just doesn't belong in the description of Nell." He went on to pay a fitting tribute to one "who is steadfast in her position that we are all children of the God whom Jesus called Father, who believes in today and is such an avid supporter of tomorrow...who reached and risked, so that we might reap and realize." He announced that because of these things, and so many more, the congregation had made a gift to missions in her honor to say thank you for your gift of new beginnings.

COMMUNION SERVICE: The Communion Service opened with music by the Chancel Choir of Camphor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. Josephine Yvonne Smith, daughter of Mattie Smith and the deceased Reverend Edgar Smith, was a featured soloist of the choir which was directed by Kathleen Hutcherson. Celebrants for the service were Reverend Carolyn Brannon, Dr. Ray Branton, and Bishop Walter L. Underwood.

In his sermon Bishop Underwood told of an old man who hangs out in a place he frequents. The old man is a

sort of self-ordained preacher and after he found out that Bishop Underwood was a minister he always had some theological statement to share. One such statement was "It won't be long now," to which the Bishop questioned, "What won't be long now, oldtimer?" The reply was "Armageddon." The old man's voice kept resounding in the Bishop's ears all day and evening. As he reflected on Armageddon, he began to ask himself what he believed. "I once believed that you and I were necessary for the accomplishment of God's will on earth. I no longer believe that. I do not believe that you and I are necessary to God. In fact, God might do a lot better without us. Maybe without us he would raise up a whole new kind of creature who would hear his voice, do his will, and perform his good works in the world. I once believed that the United Methodist Church was necessary to God. I do not believe that any longer. I have seen too many churches with their windows boarded up and their doors padlocked. I have seen too many churches who have their doors open, but are dead, dead, dead. I believe that the church universal is necessary to God, but not our church." The Bishop went on to say that as he read the Book of Revelation, the formula occurred to him by which we could avoid Armageddon, the end of the world, in our day. "We are going to have to have a new kind of self-negating love for all the people of the world. We in the United Methodist Church have made long strides in developing respect for all people of the world, but that is not the same as self-negating love...George Kennedy told about a mother who sent her little girl on an errand and she was gone much too long. Finally she returned and the mother asked, 'Mary, where in the world have you been?' The little girl replied that she had met another little girl who had broken her doll. 'Oh', said the mother smiling, 'you stopped to help her fix her doll?' 'No', said the little girl, 'I stopped to help her cry.' I expect United Methodists have fixed as many broken dolls around the world as any other one group in the history of civilization. How many times, though, have we helped them cry. We are going to have to have a new kind of self-negating love for all the children of the world...

We are going to have to have a new kind of faithfulness to mission. I believe we are involved in a kind of bandaid mentality in which our mission is not sufficiently clear to demand the total commitment necessary to carry it out. As a result, we are just kind of ad-libbing our way along. Hurricanes strike, hunger, or some other disaster happens, and we respond, but our mission is not clear...We are going to have to develop a specific mission. One that will enable us to break through the structure of society with the gospel of Christ. If Jesus Christ is Lord of anything, he must be Lord of everything or else he is Lord of nothing...

We are going to have to have a new commitment to service as the Christian norm. When Jesus said you must lose your life to find it, he was not talking only about us individually, but the church also. The distinguishing mark of the Christian church is the towel and basin, not the sword and shield...

Finally we have to have a new discovery of the doctrine of Christian hope...Christian hope is the ultimate assurance that in spite of all the evil men and women can do, God still has the world in his hands. He is still in control.

So if we love with a new kind of self-negating love, have a new kind of faithfulness to mission, a new commitment to service, and a new discovery of the doctrine of Christian hope, maybe, just maybe, God will make the kingdom of this world the kingdom of our Lord. And he shall reign forever and ever and ever. Amen."

Evelyn Evans, Secretary
Nell Read, President

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 21, 1985

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met Saturday, September 21, 1985 at Asbury United Methodist Church, Lafayette, following the close of the Annual Meeting. President Janelle McCammon presided.

Words of appreciation were spoken by Mrs. McCammon to the Annual Meeting Program Committee and the Local Arrangements Committee. A list of addresses for local hostesses was distributed for follow-up thank you notes.

A list of committee appointments was distributed and favorably voted upon. Georgie Dunbar reminded those present of District Elected Leader Training on October 20, at First United Methodist Church, Pineville.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Evelyn Evans, Secretary

EVENTS

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES WORKSHOP

Approximately forty conference and district officers met at the Bellemont Hotel in Baton Rouge, February 22 - 24, 1985, for a Christian Disciplines Workshop.

Leaders for the event were Women's Division members, Blanche Powell, Louise Ludwig, and Mary Jane Jewell. The group participated in Bible study, prayer, study of the 1984 Book of Discipline, thought on ecumenism, and understanding what public worship is.

Ola Fisher, Chairperson

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE RETREAT

All the ends are tied down. 1985 Retreat is signed, sealed and delivered. It was a pleasure to serve UMW in such a rewarding way. I'm thankful to our leaders, Mary Lou Blakeman and Louise Thomas, and Kathy Dauphin, our communion celebrant. Much credit goes to Betty Rowell and Helen Brock for filling in with music responsibilities. The theme, "Feasting on the Manna", using the fruits of the Holy Spirit, was fulfilled by all 160 in attendance and 130 registered at home.

The weather and accomodations were great. The graffiti evaluation was successful with 147 expressions. Income was $10,397.08 with expenses of $8,599.31, producing a profit of $1,797.77.

My best wishes and prayers are with the 1987 Retreat Task Group. Let's keep a good thing going. Retreat is a beautiful way to worship God, learn and enjoy our Christian faith.

Jackie Morgan, Chairperson

MINI NATIONAL SEMINAR

A mini national seminar titled "Economics and the Faith Community" was held April 26, 1985 at David Haas Memorial United Methodist Church, Bunkie for the Conference Executive Committee of United Methodist Women. A total of 18 members were present.

At the end of the devotion the group divided into small groups and worked on questions. The answers were reported at the end of discussion time. The book, WHAT DOES IT PROFIT, By Shantilal P. Bhagat was used. Alice Story was in charge of the music and Ola Fisher handled registration. Margaret Ford, Conference United Nations representative gave highlights of her responsibilities. The meeting ended with a communion service led by the pastor of the church.

Taylor Phillips, Chairperson

WEST GULF REGIONAL SCHOOL

Sunday, June 16, 1985 two vans left Louisiana going to Oklahoma City, to attend the West Gulf Regional School. The theme for the school was "Creating a Future with Justice". The Planning Team had done their homework and everything was well organized. Our own Louisiana Conference Program Resource officer, Lueberta Myers, was a member of the Planning Team and next year Taylor Phillips will serve on the nominating committee.

The Oklahoma City University campus is very pretty and easy to find your way around. The buildings are built so that walking was at a minimum. Their Smith Chapel is beautiful. The stained glass windows faced each direction and were representative of the four seasons. The organ had pipes from the very smallest to the largest. All our plenary sessions were held in the Chapel.

We especially enjoyed Thursday night when the Native Americans had the program. They wore their native dresses and explained to us what they represented. They also sang hymns in the Indian languages. The Oklahoma Indian Conference is separate—the Native Americans are fighting to hold on to their culture.

We were allowed to take only one course and then they had choice groups for the persons who did not attend officer training update sessions.

The school ended Friday morning at 11:00 a.m. and the two vans left heading south to Louisiana feeling good about having been to Regional School and about being United Methodist Women.

Reported by Madge Lewis

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women held their Schools of Christian Mission at Centenary College, Shreveport, on July 16-19 and July 19-21, 1985. Approximately 300 were in attendance.

Study group leaders were JoAnne Wilshusen, Margaret St. Amant, and Bernice James for "Caring for God's Earth," Leora Hatch, Leora Trice, and Annette Sowell for "Native Peoples of North America," and Charles McClure for "Daniel." Betty Ferrington and Alice Story were the music leaders. Jane Scott was in charge of the Resource/Learning Center and Taylor Phillips handled audiovisuals.

Lottie Palazzo, Dean
Ola Fisher, Assistant Dean

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADER TRAINING

District Elected Leader Training was held October 20, 1985 at First United Methodist Church, Pineville. Approximately 100 conference and district officers were in attendance. Emphasize for the meeting was on officer training, reactivating old units, starting new units, and study of the new handbooks. Overall the evaluations received were very positive.

Georgie Dunbar, Chairperson

NEW OFFICER TRAINING EVENT

The training event for persons elected to a conference office for the first time was held December 7-8, 1985 in New York City. Attending from Louisiana Conference were Janelle McCammon, Pat Cobb, and Sally Turner. A more complete report of this event will be given at the mid-year executive committee meeting in February, 1986.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1985

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

As reported at the first executive meeting of the year, the Alexandria District took part in all the activities of the conference and district as well as carrying on locally in many varied activities. Representatives were present at each of these activities bringing to the district the outreach of workshops and studies thereby enhancing the program.

The Spring Retreat at Camp Brewer featured Taylor Phillips, Conference Mission Coordinator of Christian Social Involvement, as the main speaker. Other parts of the program included a prayer walk, discussion groups, and a love feast. This time apart ended with a sack lunch. Thirty-five were present for the occasion which used our year's theme, "Committed to Mission."

The fall found the district holding its Annual Meeting at Winnfield and the Local Elected Leaders Training session was at Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church, Alexandria. All in all the district is holding its own and we are looking forward to hosting the Conference Annual Meeting in September of 1986.

Georgie Dunbar, District President

BATON ROUGE - HAMMOND DISTRICT

This has been a good year for the Baton Rouge-Hammond District. Our events have been well attended and enthusiastically received. Our Spring Day Apart was led by Betty Blackman, a former president of the district. Her theme, "Time," focusing on how we use and misuse it, was interesting and thought-provoking. It challenged each of us to make better use of every day.

We won the Banner at School of Christian Mission! For the first time, our district led the others in overall attendance at the school--at total of 39. This included one pastor, Richard Meek from Gonzales, and one teacher, Margaret St. Amant, who taught the Pro-Earth study. Betty Ferrington and Alice Story led the music for the school. Following this School, we held our first district Mini-School, and we feel it was very successful for a first time effort. Reverend and Mrs. Bill (Betty) Rowell led the Daniel study; Fran Hall, the Pro-Earth; and Betty Ferrington and Alice Story, the Native Peoples of North America.

In the fall, we held our second Day Apart at Camp Istrouma. The Reverend Kathy Henderson served as retreatant and her sister, Judy Walker, led the music. Kathy used the theme "Women Along the Journey," leading us in ways to strengthen our Christian discipline. It was an inspirational, uplifting experience; Kathy and Judy were a wonderful team, beautifully compatible, warm and loving.

Our District Annual Meeting was held at FUMC in Denham Springs. We borrowed the title of the Report of the Women's Division, "Approaching the Future Joyfully," for our theme and it provided an excellent starting point for our meeting. Reverend Donald Hall, District Superintendent, was our speaker. Betty Blackman led the Memorial Service and Margaret St. Amant honored retiring officers. Reverend Roy Mouser of the host church installed newly elected officers.

Local Elected Leaders Training was held on November 16 at Ingleside UMC in Baton Rouge. We had 105 in attendance, a record for our district. With the help of the local unit, everything was beautifully planned so that the day was a success; we look forward to good things happening in our district because of it. In fact, we sense a new commitment and enthusiasm in our district, and we look forward to a new year with new plans for carrying out our great Purpose as United Methodist Women.

Alice Story, District President

BATON ROUGE-LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

The highlight of the Baton Rouge-Lafayette District year was the privilege of having the Annual Meeting of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women. This was held at Asbury UMC, in Lafayette, in September, with Mrs. Carolyn Marshall, President of the Women's Division, as special guest. More than six hundred women from throughout Louisiana gathered for a time of worship, inspiration, and fellowship.

March was a month of special events for the district. The annual Day Apart was held at TUCM, The Uniting Campus Ministry, on the campus of LSU. Veda Tohline, District Coordinator for Christian Personhood, was the leader for an inspiring day. The District UMW sponsored a "Mission Luncheon" at the time of the district emphasis on Advance Specials and the itineration of speakers from the General Board of Global Ministries. The women of the Church of the Covenant, Lafayette, entertained for this lovely event which

provided a further understanding of mission outreach.

Schools of Christian Mission continued to widen horizons as district officers and local women attended the Conference School of Christian Mission and the Mini-Mission Workshop held at FUMC, Baton Rouge. Excellent leadership for this was provided by Mrs. Leora Trice, Mrs. Margaret St. Amamt, Reverend Gilbert Wade, and Mrs. Margaret Lovelace, District Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns.

The fall Annual Meeting, held at Trinity UMC, Baldwin, was well attended with representatives from twenty-four churches. Lillian Soileau (Mrs. Louis) was elected president of the district. All district officers attended District Elected Leaders Training, and leadership training for local units was given in two district Round Tables held in November.

The love and concern of United Methodist Women of the Baton Rouge-Lafayette District are expressed in membership growth, excellent studies, many varied service activities, and an overpayment of last year's pledge by $11,950.60. 1985 has been a very good year, and we are deeply grateful!

Janelle G. McCammon,
District President

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

The women of Lake Charles District have had many good opportunities to "Grow in Christ" this year and took full advantage of them. January and February was United Methodist Women's Sunday. Most every unit observed the occasion.

In March nine of us went to the Conference Retreat in Biloxi. Sixty five attended our district retreat in April at Camp LeBlanc. Lillie House led the retreat. May found us holding local retreats and preparing for the school year to end.

June found us at Annual Conference helping to celebrate women in the ministry. In July a good group attended the Schools of Christian Mission.

The executive committee met in August and planned for our district meeting and local elected leader training. Then in September nine of went to Kansas City for a leadership development workshop sponsored by Women's Division for district officers.

Our local elected leader training was held in the morning in October and the annual meeting was later that afternoon. Mrs. Margaret Moore, a retired missionary from Korea, was our speaker. She was born in China to medical missionaries.

The remainder of the year found us filling out evaluation blanks.

Betty Carlin, District President

MONROE DISTRICT

The Monroe District has had a very busy and exciting year in 1985. We had good attendance at the spring retreat, School of Missions and UMW Annual Meeting. Winnsboro was host to our Mini-School of Mission, which was very well attended and received. Winnsboro also very graciously hosted a missionary program sponsored by the General Board of Global Ministries in March.

Delhi hosted our annual district meeting and local officer training.

The units of the district have participated in the YMCA work of abused and battered women and children, served weekly lunches at Wesleyan Center at NLU, visits and

parties at LTI, and participated in many local community activities.

Three new units have been formed, Winnsboro, Sicily Island, and Faith in West Monroe. Several new circles have been formed to meet the needs of the women. There has been great enthusiasm in the reading program and study courses. We are looking forward to an even better year in 1986.

Mary Pollard, District President

NEW ORLEANS - HOUMA DISTRICT

This year the Lord filled our cups and made us new in many, many ways. We had a good year!

In addition to our two training sessions, one of which was canceled due to high water, we had three successful Financial Interpretation Workshops. These workshops were in Kenner, Morgan City and Marrero in order to accommodate all areas of our district. These workshops were just what the members wanted - a true understanding of where the money goes. We did get our increase in the Budget and Undesignated Giving.

One hundred women celebrated our annual Day Apart. We praised God in prayers, songs, fellowship, and parted with a deeper love in our hearts and a new look on life.

All work and no play makes all of us dull, so again this year, fifty-two of us joined together for a most enjoyable district May Fellowship Luncheon in Thibodeaux. I feel this occasion brings a closer relationship with our women in the outer area of our district.

Attendance at School of Christian Mission in Shreveport was good, however, I did hope for a large attendance due to the leader coming from our district. Approximately seventy women, men and five minsiters joined us in our Mini-School of Christian Mission. The District Officers as usual worked as a team in making this day of study a real success.

For God so loved the world, surely that's cause for joy. Surely we should celebrate and surely we did at our Annual District Meeting. "We Celebrate...Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" which was our theme when better than one hundred of us celebrated the closing Centennial with balloons.

Communication has been increased by mailing information to four officers within each local unit. We were happy to organize one new unit and this also increased our membership. We will continue to promote membership and encourage more of our units to participate in the Reading Program.

New Orleans-Houma women have worked this year with great spirit and love, love for the Lord, His work, team work and each other. May we continue to serve in love.

Helen Bailey-Johnson, District President

NEW ORLEANS - SLIDELL DISTRICT

District Leadership was heavily involved in the Conference Retreat, March 1985. This required quite a bit of time as we started a new year.

On April 27, "Mission Alive", a church-wide function was held in Slidell's First Church. The Family Life Center was filled with booths and exhibits, representing what local churches are doing in mission, representatives from various agencies, music, dramatic and athletic presentations—all contributed to a festive, day-long affair. Over

1,000 people attended. We are well aware that UMW provided the impetus for mission involvement in the total church.

Our District School of Christian Mission was held on Saturday, August 8, at First UMC in New Orleans from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reverend Dan Tohline presented "Daniel". Dr. Marilyn Ray presented a session on "Native Peoples of North America", while Lottie Palazzo presented a session on "Caring for God's Earth".

October 5 was a brisk, cool day at Lake Vista UMC in New Orleans, the location of our District Annual meeting. "TNT (Time 'n Talent) for God" was the theme expressed throughout the entire meeting. A delightful "Hee Haw" session was led by Lynn Foil, our district secretary for financial interpretation. After a delicious lunch, we were schooled in time management by Acquanetta Mullen, consultant and member of Bethany UMW.

As usual, a large number of our district membership participated in all conference events throughout the year. With God's help, we shall continue to use TNT to serve Him and others through UMW.

Jackie Morgan, District President

RUSTON DISTRICT

Ruston District continued promotion of Centennial Era goals in the local units in 1985. Many local units have now held their own Centennial observances, as well as participated in the district and conference events. Our spring District Meeting at Cotton Valley was built around the "I's of Membership" in an attempt to reverse our declining membership.

Our district was well represented at the Conference Retreat at Biloxi and Louise Thomas led our own district retreat at Camp Caney in May with the same theme, "Feasting on the Manna."

Twenty-one women from the 26 units of our district attended School of Christian Mission at Centenary with 81 participants in the mini-school at First UMC, Minden, in August. Leaders for the studies were Reverend Bill Rowell and Betty, Bonita Davis, and Jean Rockhold.

One hundred women gathered on October 6 for our district Annual Meeting in Farmerville. Nell Read, immediate past Conference President, was our honored guest and she spoke on the theme of "Faith, The Key to Our Future."

Local Elected Leaders Training at Quitman UMC was well attended with 19 units represented. Our total giving to mission in 1985 was $33,195 with $26,959 undesignated, to overpay our pledge of $23,500.

As we close the Centennial Era, we are aware that we have not attained all the goals we set for ourselves. We have increased our giving to missions through the dedication of each of our members, even though we are fewer in number. However, with God's help and guidance, we are moving into the future joyfully, believing that faith in God is indeed, the key to our future.

Mary Margaret Barr, District President

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

The Shreveport District has completed another good year. Our giving is good, our membership has gained, even though we did not organize any new units. One of our goals for the year that we did not reach, but intend to keep for another year, is to revitalize units who are no longer active and to organize new units in churches where there are not any.

Both of our Local Elected Leadership Training Events were well attended. Most of the units observed UMW Sunday in some way.

We had good attendance also at the Conference Retreat in Biloxi, Mississippi. Our district retreat was at Caney Conference Centre and was led by Lueburda Myers. It was very inspirational and enjoyed by all.

I was disappointed in our attendance at the Conference School of Christian Mission at Centenary College, but the attendance at our two Mini-Schools was the best we've ever had.

The trip to Lafayette for the Twelfth Annual Meeting for Louisiana Conference was enjoyed by every one. Asbury United Methodist Church was the host church and the ladies did an excellent job. One of the highlights was getting to meet and visit personally with our new president of Women's Division, Carolyn Marshall.

The Shreveport District finished up the year with our District Annual Meeting at First United Methodist Church, Shreveport. Our theme was "Going Forward With God." We had three speakers representing different age groups, Mrs. Becky Gerardy, Mrs. Patricia Smith, and Mrs. Mida Mickle.

This is my final report as president of the district. It has been a good experience and I want to thank everyone on the local, district, and conference level for all the love and support they have given me. I am looking forward to working with our new president, Mrs. Ola McNaughton.

Linda Shepherd, District President

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